

Discussion Questions & Prayer for Family Worship
Week of June 7th, 2020



Scripture Passage: **James 2:8-13**

*Note: The Kids' and Students' questions start with an "engaging question," and they transition into the "heart-level truth" we're aiming at. It ends up as more of a "talk" than a simple Q & A. That's why they look long 😊

Discussion Questions for **KIDS**:

- 1) Main Idea: **GOD CALLS US TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR AS OURSELF** – Can you think of a time when someone did something extra kind for you? How do you think other people would respond if you did something similar for them? *Jesus wants us to love others just as we love ourselves with our words, thoughts, and actions.*
- 2) Main Idea: **WE CAN FORGIVE OTHERS AS JESUS HAS FORGIVEN US** – Why does it feel so good when you do something wrong, and you ask for forgiveness, the other person says "I forgive you"? Do you say that to others when they ask for your forgiveness? *It makes God happy when we forgive others like God forgives us because of Jesus!*

Discussion Questions for **STUDENTS**:

- 1) How would you define love for someone who has never heard of the idea before? How well are you doing at loving people who are different from you? *What tend to hold you back from loving your neighbors as yourself?*
- 2) God has created us so that we show mercy as we have been shown mercy. Why is it so easy to forget that we've been shown mercy in the gospel? *If judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy, how much mercy do you think you will receive?*

Worship-Based Prayer for **FAMILIES**

- Rather than make you a prayer guide this week, we encourage you to consider the passage yourself and try to work through the movements as a family as you are able. If you need a refresher, you can find a full explanation by [clicking this link at Strategic Renewal.com](https://www.strategicrenewal.com).

Small Group Night - Week of June 7, 2020

James 2:8-13: "Favorites"

THE CALENDAR:

- **Grace Abounds!** Let's continue to remember this as we learn to gradually regather with one another!
- **Your group schedule** for the next few weeks and any upcoming events.

SERMON RECAP:

PRAY and Read *JAMES 2:8-13*

Remembering back to Sunday's message, we hear God's call through James for Christians to live out love of neighbor, with no partiality, as those who will be judged...under the law of liberty!

Any ways that the Lord has already encouraged you or challenged you with these matters this week?

HEART APPLICATION DISCUSSION:

- When have you most struggled in life to "love your neighbor as yourself"? How did partiality/favoritism fit into that struggle?
- How has the Lord grown you (or how is He growing you) to love others with impartiality? Can you think of ways in which God's own character fits into those lessons you have learned/are learning?
- Why is it that sins like favoritism can seem less binding or less offensive to God than some other "big" sins? Why is it important we gain a right/better view of this?
- In what ways do you believe the Lord is calling you to show extra mercy toward others? Why do you need to remember His mercy toward you as you ponder that question?

GROUP LIFE:

Courtesies and Covenant Review:

Forgive One Another - Pursue Unity (*Eph 4:31-32; 1 Cor 1:10; Matt 18:15-20*)

Be quick to forgive and ask forgiveness

Deal with personal offenses quickly and lovingly alongside others and before God

Model unity by resolving conflict quickly

Get the whole story, including both sides in personal conflict

Pray for the Lord's help in living this well.

BREAKOUT:

God's called us to **mutual ministry**. Let's 1) point one another to Him, 2) pray for each other, 3) plan to follow-up.

- Topic from big group discussion that needs a deeper touch, **OR...**
- How do you need to specifically show impartial love of neighbor right now? How can this group help you and pray with you in that?