



James: Embracing Ordinary PEOPLE

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WARM UP

1. What is one hobby or activity that you really enjoyed growing up?
2. What stood out to you in this week's message?

DIG IN

3. Read James 2:1-4. Why is favoring the elite incompatible with Christianity?
4. Read James 2:8. If it's dehumanizing to reduce others to what they can offer us, why is the root of that tendency come from dehumanizing ourselves? Why must we love ourselves to love others well?
5. Read James 1:17. Why was Martin Luther offended by this Bible verse? What sort of situation is it still important for addressing?

DIGGING DEEPER (EXTRA CREDIT!)

3. Reflect on the following questions raised at the end of the message:
 - Do I reduce people to what they offer me?
 - Do I reduce myself to what I can offer others?
 - What does it look like to see the image of God in myself and others?
4. Share some ways that Jesus avoided favoritism in his life.
5. What would it look like for you to more fully receive Jesus' love, apart from what you do or accomplish?
6. How can you more fully overflow with Jesus' love to others, regardless of their status?



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Favoritism & Ordinary People

James 2:1-17

Favoritism forgets...

Are my personal relationships a _____ or an _____?

Dehumanizing:

Root:

Forgive us our sins, as....

A Pastor’s First Day:

Why James 2:17 upset Martin Luther

Reflection questions:

Do I reduce people to what they offer me?

Do I reduce myself to what I can offer others?

What does it look like to see the image of God in myself and others?

Living faith is the _____ of Jesus’ love _____ ordinary people _____ ordinary people.