

Sunday | February 14 | 2021

Mercy Over Judgment

Speaker: Ben Rounds

Text: James 2:1-13

What was the most important take-away for you from this week's message?

In your own words - how would you summarize the theological message of today's text?

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Live For God. Love Each Other. Build God's Kingdom

Discussion Questions

1. What does "partiality" or "favoritism" mean in the context of the church (v. 1)? What is James talking about?
2. **Apply It!** How do we (how do you) tend to show partiality? How do we participate in discrimination - especially in the context of the Body of Christ? Is it racial? Is it financial? Political?
3. What does it mean to be a "judge with evil thoughts" (v. 4)?
4. What's the argument that James makes in v. 5? What's he saying about God's priorities and plans vs. ours?
5. **Apply It!** What does the Great Commandment (v.8) mean in the context of favoritism/discrimination in our church? How would things look different if we took this more seriously?
6. How should "those who are judged under the law of liberty" speak and act (v. 12)? What does it mean that "mercy triumphs over judgment" (v. 13)?
7. **Apply It!** What will you do, based on this passage, to better pursue our mission - to Live for God, to Love Each Other, and to Build God's Kingdom?

PRAY TOGETHER!

Thank the Lord that he has shown us mercy rather than judgement. Thank him that we live under the "law of liberty" and that he has freed us to love each other well. Ask him to help us fulfill the royal law better in our lives and in our congregation. And pray that he will keep us from partiality - that we might love as he loves!