

Life Group Discussion Guide

WEAK MADE STRONG
James 2:1-13
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JIM CLASS



INTRODUCTION

The blood of Jesus Christ is the reason mercy triumphs over judgement. The entire theme of the Bible is that mercy is administered in Christ. In the Beatitudes, Jesus proclaims, "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." (Matthew 5:7 NIV)

God expects us to be merciful rather than judgmental. We all sin and fall short of God's glory, but the sacrificial death of Jesus made a way for us to be forgiven and saved. We must lift others up and help them to become stronger in Christ and understand this gift He has given us.

DISCUSSION STARTER

1. Tell the group about a time in your life when you witnessed a teacher, coach, boss, leader at camp, etc., give more attention and favor to someone other than you. How did you feel about it?
2. Have you ever shown favoritism to get something you wanted? Tell the group about it.

EVALUATE IT

1. Read James 2:1-13. What does this look like in the church in 2019? What are the dangers of showing favoritism? What is it within us that prompts us to value someone more simply because they have more money?
2. How does James demonstrate we are all actually the same? What does this reveal about all of us? How useful is money in this scenario?
3. Chris said, "Since we are all the same, we need to live like we are all the same." What does this look like? How do we live like we are all the same? What keeps people from doing this?
4. What is mercy? James closes this section by saying, "Mercy triumphs over judgment." What has to occur before mercy can triumph over judgment?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. Where does James 2:1-13 "get up in your business" and make you want to push back or feel uncomfortable? Why?
2. Tell the group one area of your life where you could show more mercy? How could mercy change that situation?



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