



The Folly of Favoritism

Small Group Work Sheet
June 26, 2011

Part 1 - Ice Breaker

- Share a memorable time from your childhood when someone played favorites and you were hurt as an outsider.

Part 2 - Sermon Review

- Racism and bullying are ways the sin of partiality is committed. Name at least three other ways this sin is carried out.
- How is the sin of partiality accepted, and even expected, in society?
- The ushers in James' imaginary church were faced with a problem. What was the problem and how did they solve it?
- How have churches favored those with money in history? How does the church favor those with money today? How does the church favor celebrities?
- When we are impressed by riches, what does it say about us? What should be the most impressive thing on Sunday morning that captures our attention?
- James gives four ways that favoritism of the rich was foolish in his day (James 2:5-7). What were they?
- What is the royal law? How does that guide us on how we should treat everyone in the church?
- Did you sign the "Playing Favorites is Sin!" card? What is your plan to treat those who are new in church the same way you would want to be treated if it was your first day?

Playing Favorites is Sin!

But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. James 2:9 (ESV)

I commit to living the royal law and loving everyone who
walks through the doors of Faith Church the way
I would want to be loved.