REVIEW THE TEXT: WHERE DID WE LEARN?

James 2: 1-13

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Context

The Gospel must drive our relationships with all people because we are all Kingdom missionaries. Last week was about the Christian and prejudice, while this week covered the Christian and favoritism. Favoritism plagues us all, marking how we relate to others whether we think about it or not. James points out that you cannot hold to the Christian faith and favoritism at the same time.

Main Points

Favoritism is forbidden for the follower of Christ

1. Reason 1: Favoritism is anti-Gospel
2. Reason 2: Favoritism is anti-reason
3. Reason 3: Favoritism is anti-Christ

Interpretative Points

- ***Favoritism***
  Favoritism is kindness to some and not others because of our perspective of worth and value.

- ***Mercy***
  Universal mercy is the opposite of favoritism, and it is the demand of the law of Christ.

MAKE APPLICATION: HOW HAVE I OBEYED WHAT I LEARNED?

- Favoritism: Did the Holy Spirit convict you about ways you have shown favoritism? How can you correct those sinful actions and attitudes?

- Love your neighbor: How have you loved your neighbor like you love yourself? What does love for others look like inside our church? Outside?

- Idols: What idol of your heart leads you to favoritism? What are you worshipping in place of Christ at the moment of favoritism?

- Partiality: How can we see Christ's impartiality at the cross? What amazes you about your own salvation?