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“The Same Kind of Different”

James 2:1-9

Today’s BIG IDEA:

We should view others the same way that Jesus views us.

1. We need to _____ partiality (v.1)

- The Greek word for “partiality” is *prosolepsias*, which means “receiving of face” (i.e. judging others based on face value).

A. We are _____
(James 4:17)

B. We are _____

2. We need to _____ partiality (v.2-3)

- We typically show partiality based on four external factors:

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____
- D. _____

3. We need to _____ partiality (v.4-9)

A. Partiality is really _____ (v.4)
(Leviticus 19:15)

B. Partiality ignores _____ (v.5)
(Matthew 5:2; 1 Samuel 16:7)

C. Partiality has no _____ (v.6-7)

D. Partiality steals our _____ (v.8)
(Mark 12:31)

E. Partiality leads to _____ (v.9)
(Matthew 7:7)

4. We need to be _____ from partiality by an _____ God (v.25)
(Job 34:18-19; Galatians 3:28-29)

- If anyone has a right to be partial, it’s God—but he’s not.
- If Jesus didn’t model a commitment to the poor and rejected, you and I wouldn’t be here.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. Think about all the reasons that God has to NOT love you. How does it make you feel to know that he is impartial and loves you unconditionally?
2. What is your typical reaction when someone that is “different” than you comes into a room?
3. Do you think our church has a stigma of partiality or of love? What are some steps our church needs to take to be more welcoming and loving to all the people in our community?