

LOVE

A new commandment I give to you, that you love *one another*... (John 13:34)

- *Internal*: How was your week? Any new life updates? How was your walk with the Lord this week?
- *External*: Practically, is there any individual or family that needs encouragement from us as a group?

TRUTH

Let the word of God dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing *one another*... (Col. 3:16)

1. When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what most resonated with you?
2. Let's read our primary text. Describe the scene in verses 2-3. Why might this particular example have hit close to home for James' readers?
3. What does James mean when he says favoring the rich man makes believers "judges with evil thoughts" (v.4)? How does God righteous judgement contrast this?
4. In v. 5, James reminds his readers that God has chosen "those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom." How does this truth confront the community's favoritism?
5. How does James combat the argument that someone might say partiality is a "small" sin?
6. What do you think contributes to our immediate reaction to be partial to a person of perceived status? In contrast, to one who looks poor?
7. Read verse 13. How does this connect to partiality, and what warning/comfort does it offer?
8. Have you experienced partiality as James describes? Have you yourself been tempted to participate in partiality? What biblical virtue opposes this sin? How can we grow in grace to oppose this sin?
9. Any other thoughts you would like to share before we wrap up this text?

GREAT COMMISSION

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)

- *Internal*: Did you make time to disciple your family this week? Pray with them?
- *External*: Is your life marked by joy/contentment? Are you prepared to share the gospel if the Holy Spirit prompted? Is the name of Jesus on your lips in your day-to-day activity?

CONFESSION/PRAYER/REPENTANCE

But exhort *one another* every day, as long as it is called "today,"... (Heb. 3:12-14)

- Confession is agreeing with God about our sin according to the Scriptures. Is there anything you want to confess before the group, generally? [*apathy, idolatry, selfishness, jealousy, anger, envy*]
- Let's pray, asking God to help us apply His word to our lives, putting to death sinful desires.