QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time when you suffered a loss or

 experienced a benefit because of personal favoritism. How did it

 make you feel?

2. Do you think a poor person would feel welcome in our church? Do

 you think a wealthy person would feel welcome in our church?

 Why?

3. Read the following passages and note what the Bible says about

 favoritism:

 a) Leviticus 19:15

b) Deuteronomy 10:17

c) I Samuel 16:7

d) Romans 2:11

e) Galatians 3:28

f) Ephesians 6:9

g) Colossians 3:25

4. What is the “royal law” according to James?

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week’s

 message? (*Share your decision with another person*.)

* I am going to reach out to a person at church whom I have never met before to make them feel welcome.
* I am going to invite a friend to church.
* I am going to memorize Romans 2:11.

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James 2:1-13 Study Series #04

***A Warning Against Personal Favoritism***

**I. Introduction**

 A. Don’t Judge a Book by Its Cover

 (See I Samuel 16:6; John 7:24; I Samuel 16:7)

 B. Don’t Show Personal Favoritism

 (See Genesis 25:19-27:41; Genesis 37:3-4; Romans 2:11)

**II. A Warning Against Personal Favoritism**

 A. The Principle

 (See James 2:1; James 1:22; Luke 20:46; Mark 12:38-39;

 Luke 14:7-11)

 B. The Example

 (See James 2:2-4; Leviticus 19:15; Matthew 25:34-46)

 C. The Contrast

 (See James 2:5-7; Luke 21:1-4; Mark 12:41-44;

 Nehemiah 5:1-13)

 D. The Conflict

 (See James 2:8-11; Leviticus 19:18; Proverbs 14:21;

 Luke 10:25-37; Matthew 5:44; Matthew 5:43; Matthew 7:12;

 Matthew 19:19; Matthew 22:37-40; Luke 6:31;

 Luke 10:26-28; Matthew 5:22,28; Matthew 5:19)

 E. The Command

 (See James 2:12-13; Acts 7:22; I John 3:18; I Peter 2:16;

 John 13:35; Zechariah 7:9-10; Isaiah 58:7-9; Matthew 5:7)

**III. Conclusion**

**IV. Communion**

Communion at Cornerstone Church is open for all who profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. You do not have to be a member of Cornerstone or a member of a Southern Baptist Church to observe Communion with us. If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, you are welcome to take Communion. If you are not a believer in Jesus Christ, Scripture commands that you refrain taking Communion. (I Cor 11:26-31)

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please contact the church office and the pastor will contact you.

**Passage of Study**

James 2:1-13

**1**My brethren, do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with *an attitude of* personal favoritism.

**2**For if a man comes into your assembly with a gold ring and dressed in fine clothes, and there also comes in a poor man in dirty clothes, **3**and you pay special attention to the one who is wearing the fine clothes, and say, “You sit here in a good place,” and you say to the poor man, “You stand over there, or sit down by my footstool,” **4**have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil motives?

**5**Listen, my beloved brethren: did not God choose the poor of this world *to be* rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him? **6**But you have dishonored the poor man. Is it not the rich who oppress you and personally drag you into court? **7**Do they not blaspheme the fair name by which you have been called?

**8**If, however, you are fulfilling the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. **9**But if you show partiality, you are committing sin *and* are convicted by the law as transgressors. **10**For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one *point*, he has become guilty of all. **11**For He who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not commit murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery, but do commit murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

**12**So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by *the* law of liberty. **13**For judgment *will be* merciless to one who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

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