

NOTES & QUOTES



FAITH IN THE CHURCH
WEEK 3 - JULY 18, 2021

CONNECT (BUILD RELATIONSHIPS)

1. Sometimes children think or feel their parents had a “favourite child” and often debate that between siblings. Was this ever the case for you or someone you know? If so, describe your experience/story.
2. What causes you to favor one person over another?
3. When people visit our church how do you make them feel welcome?

THRIVE (EXPLORE BIBLICAL TRUTH)

4. What are the negative results of showing favoritism expressed in James 2:1-7?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-29 and Psalm 146:6-9. How does God treat the poor and powerless? How does God tell us to treat the poor and powerless? (See Zechariah 7:9-10).
6. Read Mark 12:31-33 and Galatians 5:14. How does the “royal law” in James 2:8 guide our treatment of both the poor and the rich?

7. How does James 2:9-11 emphasize the seriousness of treating people unequally? Explain how partiality makes us unjust judges.

COMMIT (BE ON MISSION)

8. Who are your ‘neighbors’? How can you better love your neighbor as yourself this week?
9. How can you help others change their attitudes toward the poor and vulnerable?
10. Mercy triumphs over judgment. How have you seen that play out in your life when it comes to your relationship with God? In what area(s) of your life do you need to have mercy triumph over judgment? Be honest with yourself.

PAUSE, PONDER & PRAY

“Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great but judge your neighbour fairly.”
Leviticus 19:15

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.”
Matthew 5:7