



“Faith Without Favoritism”  
Small Group Questions  
Week of January 25, 2026

**Icebreaker:** What is your go-to strategy when you walk into a room full of people you don’t know well?

- Find someone you recognize
- Pretend to check your phone
- Head straight for the food
- Stand awkwardly until someone rescues you

**Discussion Questions:**

1. James begins by grounding everything in who Jesus is: The Lord of Glory. Why does *who Jesus is* matter so much when we talk about favoritism?
2. The sermon emphasized that favoritism is often quiet and unintentional. Which examples of favoritism feel most relatable to you?
3. James says, “*Mercy triumphs over judgment.*” How does remembering the mercy we’ve received make it possible to live differently?
4. James says the church should be the last place anyone feels “less-than.” What helps a church feel like a place of dignity and mercy?

What might get in the way, and how can we help one another live this out?

5. The sermon emphasized small, ordinary acts of mercy. What is one small, concrete way you could practice mercy this week...at church, at work, your home or in your neighborhood?

Pray to close!