



## CONVERSATION STARTER

What are some ways you have attempted to “size yourself up”? Pastor Josh gave his example of pretending his iPod Touch was an iPhone? How about you?

## DEEPER

NOTE: This would be a good time to reflect on how group members are doing in their memorization of James 1 if you’ve accepted the challenge together.

### Read James 2:1-13

1. How do we see favoritism and prejudices in our culture today? What do you believe are the root causes of this kind of behavior?
2. What are common ways you are tempted to show favoritism? What do you think is the root motivation for that? How so?
3. How does showing favoritism contradict the fundamental ministry and teachings of Jesus as outlined in the Gospels? How does favoritism do damage to the message of the gospel of Jesus?
4. How do you reconcile God’s nature of impartiality and his sovereign election in salvation?
5. How would your relationships change if you consistently viewed others through the lens of eternity rather than appearance or status?
6. What else from the sermon lingered with you this week? What questions or thoughts did it stir up?
7. In your group, identify one type of person you tend to overlook and make a plan this week to intentionally engage, serve, or include someone in that category. Then come back together and share your experience with each other.

## NOTES

## GROUP PRAYER

Praise God for his perfect display of impartiality when offering his grace and mercy. Confess ways that you have shown favoritism to some kinds of people and not others. Thank God that by his grace, we can be impartial by the power of the Holy Spirit. Ask the Spirit for guidance in reflecting God's character by loving others, even those who we are prone to ignore.