

## Love Without Partiality

**Open The Conversation:** Share something good from this week.

**Key Scripture:** Read the following together.

*1 My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality. 2 For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes, 3 and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, "You sit here in a good place," and say to the poor man, "You stand there," or, "Sit here at my footstool," 4 have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? 5 Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?*

*James 2:1-5 NKJV*

1. What does this scripture tell me about me?
2. What does this scripture tell me about God?

**Start Sharing:** Choose one question to start the conversation, move onto others if time allows.

- When you have shown partiality, what deeper fear, insecurity, or desire might be driving that behavior? Were you seeking approval, avoiding discomfort, or protecting your image?
- Share a testimony of a time God softened your heart toward someone unexpected. What did that experience show you about your heart and how God sees others? How did God work in your heart?
- How does viewing God's commands as a "law of liberty" rather than a burden change the way you approach obedience and showing partiality? How does showing mercy instead of judgment bring the freedom of the Lord into your life?
- In what areas of your life could you stop judging and start showing mercy, trusting that "mercy triumphs over judgment"? Think about situations where you've been harsh, critical, or indifferent. (James 2:13)

**Start Praying:** Pray together and for one another.

*"God, help us to see others the way you do. We surrender our partiality to You. As we see others how You do, let our love grow for the world around us. Thank you, Amen."*