



INTRO

Do you naturally lean towards mercy or judgment when it comes to work or parenting or current events? Why?

DISCUSSION

READ James 2:1-13

1. What ways have you seen people show favoritism or discrimination towards you or others? How does James describe this behavior? (vs. 4)
2. In what way does James highlight the foolishness of this behavior? (vs. 5-7)
3. How does the command to love our neighbor as ourselves help us to avoid favoritism? (vs. 8-9).
4. Why does Paul write vs. 11 as to not commit adultery but to commit murder is to become a lawbreaker? Why doesn't he write it the other way as we would all agree that committing murder is being a lawbreaker?
5. What does it mean to be judged by the law that gives freedom? (vs. 12) Where do we receive this freedom?

APPLICATION

How can you speak mercy and act mercifully to others in your life?

PRAY

Pray for each other.

