

Memory Verse: James 2:13

Ice-breaker

Agree/Disagree, and why? --- Poverty or riches can become a hindrance to following Jesus. One's circumstances become a matter of the heart, and where one's heart lays matters to Jesus.

Read James 2:1-13

- Confirm out serious the Bible takes favoritism/partiality by looking at a few references: Leviticus 19:15; Malachi 2:9; Proverbs 22:2; Matthew 7:1; Acts 10:34-35; Galatians 3:26-28.
- Discuss some ways you might be tempted to show favoritism at work, at church, at home, even in small groups.
- Share how you've been discriminated against and how you've handled it.
- How do you suppose followers of Jesus can reflect His image and show no favoritism?
- What does it mean to you personally, to put the Royal Law into practice (***Love your neighbor as yourself***)? (See Leviticus 19:18; Matthew 22:39)
- What is your perspective on one's attitude and motives as it pertains to verse 10? (See Matthew 5:22, 28)
- Why do you think favoritism a spiritual matter or a sin issue?
- Describe what it means to you to speak & act as believers? (v.12)
- How do you envision faith and mercy working in and through your life?

Announcements.

1. ***Sangita Trust presents: 5K COLOR WALK (or run), Saturday, Oct 16*** from 9:30 to noon with the walk at 10, here at NCCC. Plus enjoy Indian food, outdoor games, live entertainment and more. Proceeds benefit women and children in India. MORE INFO AND SIGN UP at SangitaHope.org.
2. ***Safe Families Launch & Offering, Sunday, Oct 17, 12:15pm.*** When a crisis strikes, many of us rely on relatives and friends for support, but for some families, there is no safety net. Now there is with Safe Families for Children, an unprecedented movement of compassion designed to reduce child abuse and return the church to the forefront on caring for children. Whether it's opening your home or supporting someone that does, everyone can do something. Come learn how you can be a part of this movement of compassion on **October 17 at 12:15pm in Room C-105**. If you'd like to give to our community impact offering for Safe Families, please donate [HERE](#).
3. ***BE IN THE KNOW NEW DATE! Wednesday, Oct 13, 6:15-8pm***
Digital technology is an excellent tool to enhance social relationships. However, it can also expose our children to risk. Join us and Cyber Safety Expert and Law Enforcement Professional, Clayton Cranford as we dig deep and discuss the importance of risks associated with popular media sites, how to monitor online activity, finding hidden Instagram accounts and much more. This event is for parents only, due to sensitive topics. Please register for this event [HERE](#).