

## Message Notes: Don't Play Favorites!

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How might playing favorites benefit us?

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What do we deserve from God? What does he show?

How can we show God's mercy to others and not play favorites?

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How did the rich and poor relate to one another in ancient times? Why do riches often become an obstacle to faith?

What important point is James trying to make in verses 14-18? Is believing the gospel enough to save a person? Explain your answer.

What are some ways your faith has resulted in good works over the past month?

Can you think of a pair that has to go together or it just doesn't work? Example--a cell phone and charger (you need both to get anything done).

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