



*Accompanies podcast "Playing Favorites" - 12/5/21
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Read James 2:1-9

How would you define favoritism? Where do you see it play out in society? What about in your own life?

Have you ever been noticeably dismissed and ignored? How did you feel and how did you process that? Did it impact how you see others?

The sermon described how we show favoritism when we are trying to meet our own needs for assurance, acceptance and advantage. Can you think of an example where you have seen yourself operating that way? How do you recognize it?

Jesus repeatedly went out of his way to include people regardless of status and whether or not they could do anything for him. List some examples from his life where we see that. What can we learn from his example?

God's heart is for the poor. Read 2 Corinthians 8:9, Isaiah 53:2, Matthew 25:40. When we dismiss people who can do the least for us, Scripture implies that we may be dismissing an encounter with Christ in the process. Can you think of a practical way to become more aware of who you're dismissing?