

May's Teaching Theme: Justice

05/17//20 Topic: "Must Not Show Favoritism" from Yun "Jacob" Chen

Scripture: James 2:1-13

Monthly Idea: According to the Bible, true "Justice," seeks out the most vulnerable in society in order to provide protection and opportunity for flourishing. The righteous are those willing to disadvantage themselves to the advantage of the community. The wicked are those willing to disadvantage the community to the advantage themselves.

James takes this Biblical idea of "justice" and applies it to those showing certain people "favoritism" (particularly the rich) in order to gain certain benefits and neglecting those of lower social standing (particularly the poor).

Resources:

Video: [Bible Project "Justice"](#) [English]

Video: [Bible Project "Justice"](#) [Chinese]

If you haven't viewed this video yet as a group watch it

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jvNTwgSyF-k>

Video: [Bible Project "James"](#) [English] (8 minutes)

Video: [Bible Project "James"](#) [Chinese - Unofficial Translation] (8 minutes)

Helpful if you want an overview of the book of James before diving into discussion (Leaders should watch as preparation; optional to watch as a group)

Discussion Questions:

1. Read James 2:1-13 together. What observations do you make and what things stand out to you in the passage? How would you summarize the passage? What problem is presented in the passage?
2. Read the words of Jesus in Matthew 5:43-48. What similarities do you see between the words of Jesus and the teaching of James?
3. 哪些因素比较容易成为我偏待人的原因：金钱、地位、外表、口才、能力、学位、头衔等等？ What elements will trap me into favoritism such as money, social status, appearance, ability, education, title, etc?
4. 在生活中(教会、家庭、公司)，我有哪些偏待人的表现？我是否愿意悔改？ What attitudes/behaviors of favoritism have I shown in my life? (e.g., the church, family, the company) Am I willing to repent?