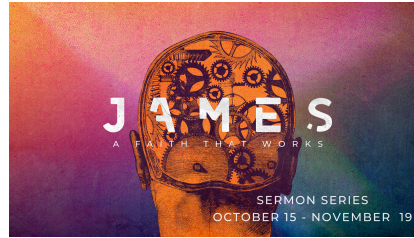


**Hope Presbyterian Church
Sermon-Based Bible Study Group**



October 15, 2023

“Favoritism” - #2 in the series James: A Faith That Works

Texts (NLT) Referenced: James 2:1-9, Luke 6:20, Deuteronomy 10:17–19

1. What stood out to you about the message?

2. Think about favoritism as the act of preferring or being partial to something or someone over another.
 - Why is it difficult not to engage in favoritism?
 - Where does the tendency to show favoritism come from?

3. **Read James 2:1-4.**
 - Why are we often quick to judge people based only on how they look or dress?
 - How does this text help us see the interrelatedness of prejudice, favoritism, and discrimination?

4. **Read James 2:5-7, Luke 6:20.**
 - How do you understand the meaning - the characteristics - of “the kingdom of God”?
 - Why is the concept of the poor inheriting the kingdom of God difficult for James’ contemporaries - and for us - to grasp?

5. **Read James 2:8-9, Deuteronomy 10:17-19.**
 - Why might James’ call to “Love your neighbor as yourself” be easier said than done?
 - In what ways does the Deuteronomy text resonate with issues of favoritism and discrimination today?

6. How can we pray for you?