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Small Group Discussion Questions

James 2:1-13

1. It is easy to size people up by appearance and treat them differently based on what we see on the outside. When are you most tempted to judge someone by their appearance or status before you really know them?

2. Playing favorites and overlooking people are both ways of making distinctions God never asked us to make. Who is someone you might be tempted to overlook because they don't seem to offer you anything in return?

3. Loving your neighbor as yourself is not optional or selective; it is the standard we are held to. Is there someone in your life right now that you find hard to love the way you love yourself? What makes that difficult?

4. Showing favoritism is not a small inconsistency; it is treated as sin. Why do you think partiality is easy to excuse in ourselves, even though we would call it out in others?

5. None of us is in a position to stand on the moral high ground over someone else. What helps you remember your own need for grace before you are quick to judge someone else?

6. Mercy triumphs over judgment, and remembering the mercy we have received should shape how we treat others. How has remembering the mercy God has shown you changed the way you extend mercy to someone else?

Takeaway: I'm just a nobody telling everybody about somebody who can save anybody.