



James 2:1–13 (NIV)

¹ My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. ² Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. ³ If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, “Here’s a good seat for you,” but say to the poor man, “You stand there” or “Sit on the floor by my feet,” ⁴ have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? ⁷ Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong? ⁸ If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right. ⁹ But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. ¹¹ For he who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker. ¹² Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, ¹³ because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

Basic Training: How To's for Living for God in the Real World

How to Not Be Judgmental

James 2:1-13

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Where do I struggle with judging based on

_____ and not _____.

The Big Idea

Mercy-_____ must be mercy-_____, not
merciless-_____.

What's So Wrong With Withholding Mercy and Being Judgy?

1) It _____ people

2) It _____ God

3) It _____ our own need for mercy

Applying It to My Life

- _____ God's mercy
- _____ God's mercy to _____

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the week of February 23 - 28

1. What is your best moment from the past week?

SERMON OVERVIEW

2. Think back to the sermon. Was there an idea or expression that spoke to you, or was there anything said that challenged or confused you?

DIGGING IN: Read James 2:1-13

3. Have you ever made an assumption about someone that turned out to be wrong?
4. Why do you think we naturally judge people based on appearance, wealth, or status?
5. James calls us to love our neighbor. When we judge others, how does it prevent us from loving others?
6. What does it look like to show mercy instead of judgment in difficult situations?
7. Where do you struggle most with being judgmental—toward people different from you, within your family, in the workplace, or somewhere else?
8. How can we train ourselves to see people through God's eyes rather than through worldly filters?

FULL LIFE GROWTH PLAN

9. What progress have you made with your spiritual growth plan over the past week?

APPLYING IT

10. Think of someone you have unfairly judged or struggled to show mercy toward. What step can you take this week to extend love and grace to them?
11. Take a moment to confess any judgmental attitudes and ask God to help you see others through His eyes.

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LIFEHOUSE HIGHLIGHTS

VIP Celebration: TODAY—If you serve or have given financially at TLC this year we want to celebrate YOU! Let us treat you to a catered lunch like the Very Important Person you are! We couldn't do it without you!

Next Steps: Sunday, March 3 12:15 - 2:15 pm, If you want to take your next steps at our church, this experience will help you connect and make you eligible to go through the process of becoming a member at Lifehouse.

Coffee Connect: Sunday, March 23. 15 minute connect with a pastor after each service to meet, greet and enjoy a free tasty treat.

Kid's Ministry Sundays: 9:30 and 10:45am, Kids nursery - 5th grade, kids join us in the Kid's Wing for a safe, age-appropriate fun, creative, engaging Bible Lesson.

Middle School Sunday Service: 9:30am in the Student Room. 6th through 8th graders; come and join the fun!

Student Ministry Wednesday Gathering: 6:30 - 8:00pm in the Student Room. 6th-8th and 9th-12th graders; come and join in the games, worship, and lessons.

Young Adults: Tuesdays, 7 - 8:30pm at the Vasquez home. For more information, contact CJ@TheLifehouseChurch.com.

AA Recovery Group, "Grace Abounds" on Thursday from 6:30pm - 7:30pm at Lifehouse.



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