

STUDY GUIDE: “Impartial Love”

Discussion Starters

1. Have you ever been discriminated against? What happened? What was the factor that led to the discrimination?
2. Have you done something good but had ulterior motives for doing it?

Read James 2:1-13, 1 Samuel 16:7, Matthew 7:2

Questions

3. According to James, what is the motive that drives the bias in his illustration? Have you ever had similar motives? Give an example. How can you make sure your motives are pure?
4. What is James trying to teach us and his readers about our perception of people as opposed to God's perception of people in 2:5-7?
5. What is the great danger to your own spiritual walk that can happen as a result of being partial with people of the church?

Taking It Home

6. What is something practical that you can do to practice the biblical subject of impartial love?
7. Why is partial love a bad example of the gospel of Jesus Christ? How can you love someone and exhibit the gospel this week?