



Face Value

Main Scripture: James 1:21-27

Additional Scriptures: James 2:1-13, Exodus 33:18-19, 1st Corinthians 1:28, Isaiah 61:10, 1 Peter 5:5, Colossians 3:14, Luke 10:25-28, Ephesians 6:9, Romans 2:11

Hearing: Discussion Questions

- Pastor Mike talked extensively about the difference between face value and faith value. How would you describe these two values to someone who did not hear the sermon on Sunday?
 - What are the biggest differentiations between the two?
- **Read James 2:1-4.** We hate people who judge... but we judge everyone else. James talks about judgment based on status but that is not the only way we judge people. We all judge, just on differing aspects: race, gender, wealth, political alliance, college you attended, etc. If you are honest with yourself, where are your personal blind spots and prejudices?
- “When we are living by face value, we miss the glory (of Jesus).” What did Pastor Mike mean by that statement?
- P. Mike talked about being “middle class in spirit.” What did he mean by that?
 - **Read Matthew 19:24.** Why does Jesus say it is easier for poor people to enter the Kingdom of heaven? What aspect or characteristic of the poor makes them more prone to accept Jesus than rich or middle class people?
- **Read James 2:10-12.** James is saying that partiality is on the same level as murder and adultery. Do you agree with this? Why is this hard to wrap our mind around?
 - Why do we see some sins (murder, adultery) as worse than others (partiality)?
- There are people among us who are “invisible” to the world around them. Who are some invisible people that you come across in your life on a regular basis?
 - Do you avoid them? How can you make more of an impact loving the least and the invisible in your life?

Doing: Application

- Pray for eyes to see the blind spots and prejudices that you bring to the table and ask the Lord to rid you of them. Also, ask God to reveal to you the invisibles in your life and to not only become aware of them but to show them Christ’s love to them!