

## Questions for Conversations

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### Icebreaker

- Describe a time when you were on the receiving end of favoritism or showed favoritism to someone else. (Teacher's pet, favorite child/grandchild/niece, etc.)

### James 2

- When have you or your Christian community failed to obey God in practicing equality of treatment?
- How do you understand the statements about God, salvation, and poverty in .5?
- According to verses 5-7, why is it ridiculous to dishonor the poor?
- Why (according to James and as seen in life today) is it often equally ridiculous to honor the rich?
- What is the royal law? Why do you think James called it this?
- Compare and contrast the results of keeping the royal law with not keeping it (vv. 8-11).
- How does breaking one law make a person guilty of breaking the whole royal law?
- What do you think James means by the law of freedom? This is the second time he has used that phrase. What would it mean in your life to act like one who is going to be judged by the law of freedom (v. 12)?
- Explain what James means in verse 13 when he writes that judgment is without mercy to those who have shown no mercy.
- Have you ever seen mercy triumph over judgment? Describe.

Share and prayer.