



James

Part 3 – We Have It Backwards

Discussion Guide

There are many things in our lives that we may have backwards. God's Word tells us how to see it the right way. The book of James weaves together the application of God's Word so that we will not just be hearers of the Word but doers as well. This week, we will look at ways we can correct our perspective. So, we can live out the greatest commandment.

Jump Start

Leader: This section is designed to get discussions started, examine God's truth, and apply it to our week.

1. What is your favorite drink Pepsi or Coke?
2. *Favoritism:* Read [James 2:9](#), [Galatians 3:27-28](#), [1 Corinthians 12:12-26](#). What does it mean that we are all one in Christ? How does this understanding impact how we treat others?
3. *Love your neighbor as yourself.* Read [James 2:8](#), [Mark 12:31](#), [Matthew 22:30-40](#) Write out your current list of priorities. How does this influence who you are becoming? What is the Greatest Commandment? How will you realign your priorities?
4. **Read:** [James 2:19-23](#), [Romans 3:27-28](#), [James 2:16-17](#), [Ephesians 2:8-9](#) Biblical scholars have long-debated James' apparent emphasis on deeds with Paul's emphasis on faith. What is the connection between faith and deeds?
5. *Scandalous Grace* Read [Romans 8:1](#), [John 3:16](#), [Ephesians 4:31-32](#) What can you do this week to express your faith through action? Specifically, what can you do for someone in your life you normally ignore or neglect? Is there someone in your life that you need to apologize to?

Deeper

*Leader: This section is designed for further use in your Life Group or for personal study.
These can also be used as discussion points and ways to stay connected with
your group throughout the week.*

This week, we examined the importance of seeing things through the lens that God sees them. This week we will look at how leaders in the Bible such as appointed Elders and Judges were given specific instruction on how to lead the people.

6. In **Deuteronomy 1:9, Numbers 11:16-17** Moses appointed leaders and gave them specific instruction. What was the specific instruction?

7. **Read Deuteronomy 1:16-17**. Why does the passage say that the judges shouldn't be intimidated in their judgements? How can we rely on God to give us guidance in how we treat people?

8. **Read 2 Chronicles 19:4-7, Colossians 3:25, Romans 2:11**. What is the significance of the fear of the Lord being upon these judges? How then should we act towards others?