

## **Bible Study for August 30 – September 5, 2021**

**Read:** James 2:1-17

### **Notes:**

In this portion of James, the author tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world, especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip service to God's will. Instead, a living Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.

### **Questions to Ponder:**

For what kind of an event would you buy “the best seats in the house”?

For what reason might James oppose favoritism?

To you, who are the people who seem to be the recipients of favoritism in society? In your community? In your congregation?

Who do you view as “the poor” in your community?

What would change if our society would make “the poor” the recipients of favoritism?