

LIVE STRONGER

Life Group Lesson Week 3

Icebreaker: Share one thing that you have learned or been challenged by so far in our study of James (Live Stronger series).

Read James 2:1-13

Discuss:

- What does favoritism look like in our current culture? Is there favoritism in the church in America?
- What can we do to make sure favoritism never creeps into Crosspoint?
- How does favoritism show itself in our daily lives?
- Why does James speak so strongly about this issue? How does favoritism get in the way of being able to point people to Jesus?
- Discuss the difference between judging and being a fruit inspector.
Leader – judging is when we pretend to know the heart of someone while fruit inspecting is looking at the fruit someone's life produces. Judging is condemned by God while fruit inspection is encouraged.
- Discuss the implications of verse 8 in our everyday lives.
- We have a tendency to classify sins. We consider some worse than others. How does verse 10 speak to that issue?
- Verses 12 & 13 talk about mercy. How are we to show mercy to others? What does James mean by the statement..."Mercy triumphs over judgment."?
- How does mercy help us to Live Stronger?

Close In Prayer: Share any prayer concerns you may have. Spend some time praying specifically for Dave & Mara Pickering our missionaries to Bulgaria who shared their story on Sunday.