

BIG TRUTH: FAITH REJECTS PARTIALITY

2 Chronicles 19:7; Job 32:21-22; Proverbs 24:23; Acts 10:34; Romans 2:11

BIBLE VERSE: JAMES 2:1

"My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory."

BIG IDEAS

- Partiality is choosing to value one individual over another.
- People of faith love their neighbor as themselves.
- People of faith know mercy and generously show mercy.

BIBLE PASSAGE: JAMES 2:1-13

TRANSFORM: LIVING FOR JESUS

In High School, the Transform Year is an exploration of what it looks like to have transformed influence as we seek to live for a Kingdom that is greater than our own. First, we recognize that we will never be transformed if we are not Living for Jesus. To do this, we must first know who Jesus is by looking at who He says He is (John 8:58), and then look at what the Bible says about how in Him, we live by faith (James 1:6). Next, we recognize that to have transformed influence means that we must live as disciples in pursuit of Christ and His Kingdom over ourselves and our own kingdoms.

SERIES AIMS



Every student should know...

- God is a God of compassion and mercy.
- We are prone to self-deception.
- If our faith does not have works, it is dead.



Every student should feel...

- Joy, even in trials, because of God's goodness.
- Thankful for every good and perfect gift from the Father.
- Responsible to use their influence for Jesus alone.



Every student should strive to...

- Read the entire book of James.
- Memorize the Bible verse each week.
- Reject and repent of faith without works.



Every student should want...

- To grow in their understanding of biblical faith.
- To practice religion based on what Scripture says, not the world, culture, or our feelings.
- To know and generously show mercy.

FAMILY WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder how to discuss with our son or daughter the sin of partiality. We will pray for them to repent of any favoritism and we will lead them to practice showing mercy generously to all.

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Read James 2:1-13 and answer these questions to help you study and discuss the book of James with your son or daughter:

- What connection is James drawing between true religion and not showing partiality?
- What does James mean by keeping the “royal law”? What does it mean to love your neighbor as yourself? How does partiality prevent us from loving our neighbor as ourselves?
- What does James mean when he says that those who judge without mercy will not receive mercy themselves?

Read and meditate on James 2:1-13 this week.

- Ponder how you can discuss with your son or daughter the importance of not showing partiality. Do you model a life of not showing favoritism?
- How can you model generous mercy to your son or daughter?



Set aside time to pray with your son or daughter this week.

- Model asking the Holy Spirit to guide them to love others as themselves and to show generous mercy.
- Pray with your student this week. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to them any favoritism they have in their hearts and lead them to repentance.



Commit to memorize James 2:1 with your son or daughter this week.

- Each day review the verse with them and create a challenge or competition to see who memorizes it first.
- Discuss with your son or daughter ways you have overcome partiality and favoritism. Encourage them to include people in their friend groups that they might not normally include.
- Meet with your student to discuss ways that he or she can show generous mercy to others. Discuss practical ways we can show mercy in situations when people mistreat us or hurt our feelings. Encourage your student to practice generous mercy to others.