

LET'S TALK



JAMES : PREJUDICE

You can either use this for personal application of Sunday's message or as part of your preparation for HomeGroup this week.

LET'S GO DEEPER



James 1: 27– 2:12

With the potential for discussions around the issue of favouritism, prejudice and judgement to become heated and even divisive, let us start from this basis:

James 1:19 *“Be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to anger”*

Eccl 7:18 *“the man who fears God should avoid all extremes.”*

We are allowed to disagree with man's opinion and still remain united as friends. We have permission to disagree. That is how we challenge our thinking and grow *but* the truth of God's word always reigns supreme. Our goal is always to understand what He says, as the truth of His word is the only thing that governs all our understanding, responses and life choices.

When we look to understand rather than defend our stand we are humble and teachable, then we grow!

Prejudice, judgement and favouritism are all issues of the heart and therefore need to be dealt with through the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

- *In your understanding what is the biblical stand on this subject?*
- *How does that differ from what the world is saying?*
- *Are there areas that society is pushing for that lines up with biblical truth?*
- *How can or do we use that as a bridge to stand together, but also bring the fullness of the Good News of Jesus which is the ultimate solution?*

Are there areas that you have recognised in your life that need to change in this regard?

A lot is being said about historical events (both modern and ancient) and the call for the current generations to apologise, make amends and take responsibility for the *“sins of the fathers”*.

What is the correct biblical stand on this issue? Can you back it up with scripture?

How do we make a biblical stand on such emotive issues when that stand may not be popular or socially acceptable and yet maintain an open door to be able to speak and be heard?

How do you ensure you live as free as possible in this area?
(both coming under judgement and from being the one who judges)

LET'S APPLY THIS



This week:

We need wisdom as we navigate this world living lives following Jesus. This week ask Him for His wisdom.

*Remember: be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to anger.
And do nothing out of favouritism or with prejudice.*

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