



## MERCY TRIUMPHS

JAMES 2:1-13

### SCRIPTURE STUDY

**Before you begin:** *Open with prayer and spend a minute or two in silence before God. Have multiple people ask the Holy Spirit to enter your time together and illuminate your hearts and minds to scripture.*

- Have someone read the passages in their entirety aloud. As a group, summarize the passage, and as you do so, note any observations, questions, and exciting insights you found while reading through the text. What jumped out at you? What was something you noticed now that you didn't see before?
- What does it mean to show favoritism toward believers? How come this is inconsistent with the gospel of Jesus?
- James gives an illustration in v.2-4. What is happening? How come, James calls these believers judges with evil thoughts? What is the outcome of the poor and the rich v.5-7
- How come breaking one of God's laws is equivalent to breaking them all? How does showing partiality transgress God's commands?
- In light of all of this, what is James trying to say in verse 13?
- Where are we tempted to show partiality as believers or as a church in our current cultural moment? Where can we be challenged to love our neighbor?