**A Lesson on Fairness**

3-Fold Purpose: ***Love God, Love Others, Serve the World***

One Mission: ***Make Disciples***

4 Commitments:

***Shaped by the Word***

1. Do you tend to ‘play favorites’ with people, or would you consider yourself impartial? Why do you think people are prone to show favoritism?
2. What, in particular, struck or challenged you from Sunday’s sermon?
3. Read James 2:1-13 together.
   1. Discuss some of your gleanings from this passage.
   2. Reread v. 8. In what ways does this passage express what it means to be shaped by God’s word?

***Surrendered to His Will***

1. Verse 12 refers to the ‘law of liberty’. For some, placing ‘law’ and ‘liberty’ side-by-side is contradictory.
   1. In what way(s) is the law of God liberating?
   2. Paul states in Ephesians 6:15 that the gospel brings peace. To show partiality then is the antithesis of the gospel. What are the things that tend to impede the advancing of the gospel?
   3. Judgment vs. Mercy – which do you tend to lean into and why?

***Connected to His Spirit***

1. James 2:1 refers to “hold[ing] the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory”.
   1. Why do you think James follows the command to be impartial with this statement?
   2. Considering who Jesus is – “the Lord of glory” – while considering how Jesus lived out his ministry, how should that impact our view of people and how we treat them?
   3. Romans 7 provides insight regarding the battle between the Spirit and the flesh. How are you doing in this area? Spend time praying specifically for each person in your group.

***Building His Kingdom***

1. Read Luke 11:37-44. Discuss together the ‘religion’ of the Pharisees.
   1. How is ‘pure religion’ corrupted?
   2. What does ‘religion’ look like when it’s based on “justice and the love of God” (v. 42)?
   3. Who is God asking you to show love and justice to beginning this week? Write your reflections in the blanks: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Weekly Scripture Memory

*He has told you, O man, what is good;  
    and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
    and to walk humbly with your God?* Micah 6:8 (ESV)