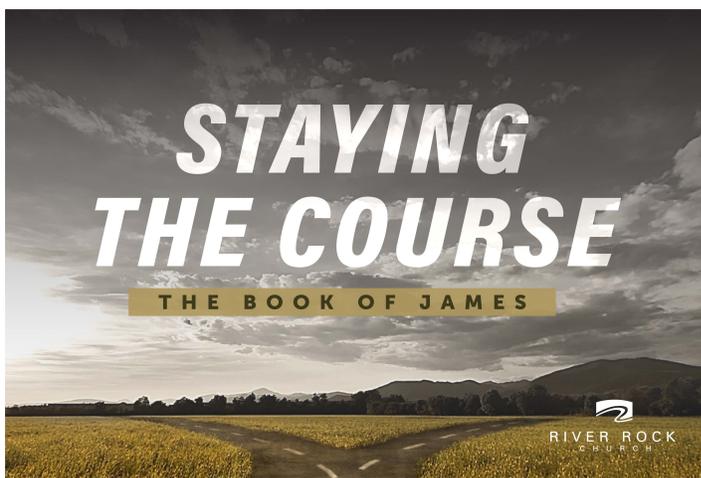


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NEXT STEPS



STAYING THE COURSE

THE BOOK OF JAMES

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Staying the Course: James 2:1-13

This Sunday, we continue the message series focused on the Book of James titled "Staying the Course." This week our scripture will be James 2:1-13.

Questions to *Dig Deeper*:

1. What is the situation James describes in these verses? Is this a situation from the distant past or something that is very much a part of Christian culture today? Explain.
2. What is the root issue of favoritism and prejudice? Though James is describing the worship of the church, how does this extend beyond the context of a worship service? Where else have you observed prejudice and favoritism?
3. James said prejudice is wrong because it is inconsistent with God's character. Read the following verses and take notice of God's character: Acts 10:34; Romans 2:11; Colossians 3:25; Deuteronomy 1:17, and 16:19. Who do the Scriptures reveal God to be?
4. Read Romans 5:8. What darkness and sin has Christ excused in your life? If God was willing to overlook our sin, why are we so unwilling to overlook less significant differences like race, age, income, ethnicity, or any other number of issues?
5. The big idea Sunday was that mature believers love their neighbor's period. From the examples Bill shared, or from your own reading of the passage, where is hardest and easiest for you to love your neighbor?