

Questions?

What is it about people that makes it difficult for you to associate with them?

What are some of the issues that divide some people but are not a problem for you?

What does it mean to look at people through the eyes of Christ?

Preparation for Session 4—Faith on the move

James 1: 22-27; 2:14-25

Read Matthew 5:13-16; Luke 6:32-36 & 10:25-37 and
Philippians 2:1-4

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The Parish of Cannock and Huntington

Creating Community with Christ at the Centre

Bible Studies on James

A study of faith in action according to St. James

Session 3— Prejudice

Read James Chapter 2:1-12 & 4:1-6 & 10

Here James deals with one of the main causes of division in the church. Prejudice touches all of our lives and consequently the lives of others and the life and witness of the church.

In James 2:1-2 he pin-points various ways in which prejudice displays itself

1. **DISCRIMINATION—treating others unfairly**
2. **FAVOURITISM—unfair treatment of one at the expense of others**

3. **PARTIALITY** –strong liking for or bias towards certain people or given situations

THE DIMENSIONS OF DIVINE LOVE

Read John 3:16; Ephesians 3:18-19

4. **JUDGEMENTALISM**— Critical attitude towards others

THE DESCRIPTION OF DIVINE LOVE

Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8; Romans 12:9-21

James points to the antidote to prejudice—the Royal Law of Love.

The goal of which is to serve all in meekness of spirit and humility of heart.

Practice the Royal Law ‘love your neighbour as yourself.’

Treat others as you would wish to be treated yourself.

From Scripture we learn of the all embracing nature of God’s love.

THE DISCIPLINE OF DIVINE LOYALTY

Read John 21:15-17

‘Do you love me more than these?’

Read again James 4:1-6 &10