

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

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These questions are for the **June 28, 2015 Sermon**, "Playing No Favorites, Part 2." Please read the sermon passage (James 2:8-13) together out loud.

Sermon Outline:

AS IMPARTIAL BELIEVERS, NOTE . . .

1. **The Law We Are to Keep** (8-11)
 - A. Thieves: "What's your is mine, and I will take it."
 - B. Pharisees: "What's mine is mine, and I will keep it."
 - C. Believers: "What's mine is yours, and I will give it."
 - D. Where the State falls short the church steps up.
 - E. Christ keeps the whole law in order to forgive the one who breaks the law in just one point.
2. **The Mercy We Are to Provide** (12-13)
 - A. Judgment will be harsh for those who will not show mercy.
 - B. Mercy triumphs over judgment.
 - C. If you come upon someone wearing a different "uniform" from you, show them mercy.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: The law requires that we love others. Who are you prone to be partial toward? Who are you prone to be partial against? How can you recognize these tendencies better? Are you actively walking in victory over these tendencies?
2. Based on #1, above: Give examples of how the church is "stepping up" where the State falls short in terms of partiality. Give examples of the church can improve. Are you willing to be part of the solution? How can you make a difference?
3. Based on #2, above: Pastor Gary used in illustration from the Civil War about how a "Blue" came upon an injured "Grey" and began to dress the wounds and provide water for the man, only to discover that the injured soldier was his biological brother. What do we learn from this illustration as it relates to how to treat people who seem so different from you and me?
4. Based on #2, above: If we refuse to show mercy, this passage teaches that we will not receive mercy. Discuss.