

**SCRIPTURE: James 2:1-13**

1. **BELONG** – Remember, this section isn't filler, but a genuine time to slow down and assess how people are doing in their personal and spiritual lives. Feel free to change the questions, but the point is to truly sit in this moment and allow time and space for encouraging spiritual connectivity.
  - A. How would you describe your current season of life?
  - B. What obstacles or problems do you find yourself wrestling with?
  - C. How have you grown spiritually over the past several weeks/months?
  - D. With this conversation in mind, spend some time praying for one another.
  
2. **DISCOVER** – Read James 2:1-13 together. This section is all about discovering the Word together. Be an active listener as people respond to the text; ask them follow up questions. Help the group think through what they're saying and how it applies to them spiritually.
  - A. Given the context of this chapter and book, how would you summarize the primary theme of this section of scripture?
  - B. What truth(s) does this passage teach us about the character of God?
    - Can you think of any other passages in scripture that support this truth?
  - C. What truth(s) does this passage teach us about the character of mankind?
    - Can you think of any other passages in scripture that support this truth?
  - D. Why do you think God's word calls us away from showing favoritism toward those with power, wealth, and influence?
  
3. **GO** – Take time to apply the text. Once we hear truth, we are called to live it out. If our groups just sit and talk about information, they won't experience transformation. This section is about keeping one another accountable to live out what we're learning.
  - A. When in your life have you observed favoritism being shown? In what ways have you seen a change in yourself as you've grown in the Lord?
  - B. In what areas of your life are you showing favoritism toward some and neglect toward others who might need your attention?
  - C. What will obedience to God look like for you this week as you apply the truths of this text?
  
4. **PRAY** - Petition the Lord together as you close out your group time. This prayer section is to be more outward focused.
  - A. Pray, by name, for those in your life who have not placed their faith in Jesus.
  - B. Pray for the nations around the globe, particularly unreached people groups.