My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. **James 2:1**

God _____ partiality

God _____ unity

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. **Ephesians 4:1-3**

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. **1 Peter 3:8**

Treat _____ with _____

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." **Matthew 5:43-44**

For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. **James 2:10-11**

The "great equalizer" is not education but the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

God treats _____ equally

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. And all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. **Romans 3:23-24**

Bottom Line:

<u>Equality</u> is born, through the <u>quality</u> of love

No Favorites

1. Who likes special treatment? Share a time when people went out of their way to give you special treatment.

2. Share a time when you were treated unfairly or with bias.

3. Why is it hard to treat everyone equally?

4. Read Acts 10:9-33. What was Peter's first response in the vision that God gave him? Now discuss what Peter tells Cornelius in verse 28.

5. Share a time when you had a change of heart toward people like Peter did.

6. What was the one thing mentioned in the message last Sunday that can help us treat other people equally?

7. What does James say when it comes to mercy and judgment? See James 2:13

8. What does it mean that "judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy?"