



# Being People of Mercy

Multi-Ethnic Ministry Series: Video 4 - Dialogue 2

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<b>Group Facilitator:</b>	Take a moment to outline what the discussion will be, and open your time together with prayer.
<b>Scripture Reading:</b>	Romans 12:1-2
<b>Opening Exercise:</b>	<p>View Video 4 – “Changing Our Focus”</p> <p>Give participants a moment of silence after viewing the video to reflect on what phrase or idea left the greatest impression on them. Have participants write down the phrase or idea so they don’t forget!</p> <p>Ask, “What spoke to you and why?”</p>
<b>Opening Questions:</b>	<p>What tensions exist between different people groups within our community? Our city?</p> <p>What are the social structures that perpetuate favoritism and segregation within a society?</p>
<b>Scripture Focus:</b>	<p>James 2:1-13</p> <p>What examples of favoritism are identified in this passage?</p> <p>How does contemporary culture shape your views toward people different from you?</p> <p>How does favoritism lead to discrimination and judgment?</p> <p>Who does God favor?</p> <p>How is favoritism depicted as sin in this passage?</p> <p>How does mercy triumph over judgment?</p> <p>What personal characteristics are needed to become a person of love and mercy?</p> <p>In what ways does our church need to change to be a loving and merciful presence in the community?</p>
<b>Personal Response:</b>	How do you need to change your focus to “keep the royal law” and embody the love and mercy of God?
<b>Group Facilitator:</b>	Have participants close their time together with prayer.

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