

February 14 and 17 Show No Favoritism, Randy Larson

PRIMARY SCRIPTURES:

Colossians 3: 17-25 James 2: 1-4, 8-9

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1. Randy mentioned that living in the Roman empire was challenging for the Colossians because Rome's cultural values were in stark contrast to the Kingdom of God. In what ways do we face the same challenge? What cultural values do we face that aren't in alignment with the Kingdom of God?
- 2. Paul equally challenges the powerful (husbands, fathers, masters) and the culturally weak (wives, children, slaves) to honor and respect their counterparts. Why do you think he chose these examples to make his point?
- 3. If Paul was trying to make the same point in our current culture, what examples do you think he would use?
- 4. Our culture teaches us that it's OK to pile abuse on the rich and powerful as long as it isn't to their face. Why do you think that is?
- 5. It's easy to point out favoritism in others. In what ways are we personally guilty of showing favoritism? How can we hold each other accountable?