



Be One Person With People // Jeff Brodie // June 21, 2026

You already know you treat people differently based on what they can do for you; most people just won't admit it. James calls this one of the clearest signs that your beliefs and your life have quietly separated, and he's not subtle about it. This week we're exploring what it actually looks like to be the same person regardless of who's in the room or right in front of you.

Scripture: [James 2:1-18 NLT](#) // [2 Corinthians 8:9 NLT](#)

Bottom Line: A divided heart sees faces, but an undivided heart sees image bearers.

Digging In:

1. Think back to high school, work, sports, or another social setting. What were some of the unspoken ways people were ranked or valued?
2. Tell a story about a time when you misjudged someone based on appearance, status, background, education, personality, or first impressions. What did you learn?
3. Read James 2:1-18 together. What stood out to you most from this week's message?
4. Jeff suggested that "we all have a seating chart for our lives." Where do you see that idea reflected in everyday life? Where are you different with different people, and why?
5. The message explained that we often honour people who represent something we value or desire or even worship. What kinds of people are our culture most likely to admire or elevate? Why? What about you?
6. James contrasts cultural values with kingdom values (see also Jesus' [Sermon on the Mount from Matthew 5-7](#)). Where do you feel the greatest tension between those two value systems in your own life?
7. In what settings or situations are you most tempted to evaluate people according to cultural values rather than kingdom values? How so?
8. James addresses how faith and works intersect in our lives in terms of salvation. It's not "faith or works," or "faith plus works," but "faith that works." Explain each. Why is a faith that isn't working itself out in your life actually not worth anything?
9. If someone examined your calendar, social media, conversations, and relationships, what might they conclude about what, or who, you value most?
10. What is one practical way you can honour someone this week who may not be able to offer you anything in return? What would it look like to intentionally see them as an image bearer of God this week?

Moving Forward:

This week, ask God each morning: "Lord, help me see people the way you see people." Then intentionally engage one person you might normally overlook, avoid, or underestimate and give them your full attention. Learn their story, encourage them, or serve them meaningfully. At the end of the week, reflect on what you learned about them and about yourself.

Prayer Prompt:

Ask God to reveal any areas where cultural values have shaped the way you see and evaluate people. Thank Jesus for taking the seat of dishonour so that we could be welcomed into God's family and receive the seat of honour. Pray for eyes to see every person as an image bearer of God and for courage to live out a faith that works through love.