



## Left on Read: wk4 Mercy Triumphs Over Judgment

Introduction: Mercy and Triumph aren't words that we generally associate with each other. One is dominant, the other seems somehow weaker to us, yet according to James mercy is a reflection of the royal law, and it always wins.

### Discussion Questions

1. Can you think of a time where you saw an act of compassion move you? What made it so impactful?
2. Read James 2:1-4 What does James mean by favoritism? How is favoritism a form of discrimination? Why was favoritism of the rich a trap they fell in to? Are there differences in how we treat rich and poor in the church today? How can you be sure?
3. What other types of discrimination have we seen or experienced in the church? Why is this something that we still struggle with some 2,000 years after this was written?
4. Read James 2:8-9 What is the Royal law? What point is James making about being a lawbreaker?
5. Read James 2:12-13 How does the royal law give freedom? What does James mean when he says "judgment without mercy" will be shown to those who aren't merciful? How does mercy triumph over judgment?
6. What does being merciful look like for you? Who needs to receive mercy from you?

**Shaping Your Mind** *James 2:8 If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself,"[a] you are doing right*

**Moving Forward** – Mercy begins when we recognize the Imago Dei-the Image of God, placed in each of us.