

## **DENYING OUR FAITH**

1. What standard is set in verse 1?
2. Why is showing favoritism incompatible with our faith in Christ? How has Jesus Christ responded to you?
3. What would you say is the root of this kind of treatment?
4. After reading verses 2–4 think about a time when you may have responded to someone (either rich or poor) in a similar way that James describes. What was going on in your heart?
5. What are you actually doing when you discriminate between people? (verse 4) What is wrong with your being a judge of another?
6. After reading verses 5–7, write down what is wrong with insulting the poor. What is wrong with being especially nice to the rich?
7. What has God promised to all who love him? (verse 5)
8. How do favoritism and discrimination show that we love ourselves more than others?
9. Toward whom do you need to show mercy this week, rather than prejudice, indifference, or resentment? How can you move toward that person in love and mercy?