

A Revival Of Our Hearts (10 of 15)
“A Faith That Shows Respect To Everyone”
Cornerstone Church Of Poway
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“**Speak up** for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed. Yes, speak up for the poor and helpless, and see that they get justice.”
Proverbs 31:8-9 (NLT2)

Big Idea: We need a revival in our hearts and homes that changes our lives.

“My dear brothers and sisters, how can you claim to have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ if you **favor** some people over others? For example, suppose someone comes into your meeting dressed in fancy clothes and expensive jewelry, and another comes in who is poor and dressed in dirty clothes. If you **give special attention** and a good seat to the rich person, but you say to the poor one, “You can stand over there, or else sit on the floor”—well, doesn’t this **discrimination** show that your judgments are guided by **evil motives**?”

James 2:1-4 (NLT2)

Why Does God Hate Prejudice?

1. Prejudice Questions God’s Creation

“From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us.” **Acts 17:26-27 (NIV)**

Notes: _____

2. Prejudice Is A _____

“Whoever **hates** his brother is in the darkness and **walks** around in the **darkness**; he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has **blinded** him.”

1 John 2:11 (NIV)

“True **wisdom** from above is pure, peaceful, gentle, friendly, full of compassion and is free from prejudice and hypocrisy.” **James 3:17 (TEV)**

Notes: _____

3. Prejudice Disobeys The _____

“Yes indeed, it is good when you obey the royal law as found in the Scriptures: “Love your neighbor as yourself. But if you favor some people over others, you are **committing a sin**. You are guilty of breaking the law.” **James 2:8-9 (NLT2)**

“For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: “**Love your neighbor** as yourself. But if you are always biting and devouring one another, watch out! Beware of destroying one another.” **Galatians 5:14-15 (NLT2)**

“So why do you condemn another believer? Why do you look down on another believer? Remember, we will **all stand** before the judgment seat of God.”
Romans 14:10 (NLT2)

How Do We Root Out Prejudice From Our Lives?

1. Learn To See People The Way _____

“But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.” **1 Samuel 16:7 (NIV)**

Peter told them, “You know it is against our laws for a Jewish man to enter a Gentile home like this or to associate with you. But God has shown me that I should no longer think of anyone as impure or unclean. **Acts 10:28 (NLT2)**

“Then Peter replied, “I see very clearly that God shows no favoritism. In every nation he accepts those who fear him and do what is right.” **Acts 10:34-35 (NLT2)**

“For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. And all who have been **united with Christ** in baptism have put on the character of Christ, like putting on new clothes. There is **no longer** Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are **all one** in Christ Jesus.” **Galatians 3:26-28 (NLT2)**

“These [foreigners worship & love God] I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for **all nations**.”
Isaiah 56:7 (NIV)

“Come close to God, and God will come close to you.” **James 4:8a (NLT2)**
Remember Verse

➤ **Where do I need to change my heart?**

My next right steps, I will:

- Repent and accept people as precious and valued in God’s eyes
- Seek justice in peaceful ways
- Love my neighbor
- Accept Jesus as my Savior and Lord

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Family Corner: [Choose one day this week to ask questions to go deeper in faith as a family. Try this over dinner. Keep it to 12 minutes or less.]

Small Groups: [Choose as many questions that honor your group's time commitment]

Open in Prayer:

- What thoughts from this week's message encourage you to live like Jesus?

Icebreaker: Have you ever felt discriminated against? What happened?
Who can you encourage this week by simply listening to their story?

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James 4:8a (NLT2) Remember Verse (Try to memorize this)

Read Proverbs 31:8-9

What are some of the things that you believe are unjust in this world?
How can you speak up for justice that will bring about positive change?

Read James 2:1-4

Is there a group of people that you tend to favor more than others?
Rich or poor? Color of skin? Political views? Young or old? Social status?
Education?

Why Does God Hate Prejudice?

1. Prejudice Questions God's creation

Read Acts 17:26-27

Who determines where and when we are born and live?
What do you learn about God's plan for each person?

2. Prejudice Is A Sign Of Ignorance

Read 1 John 2:11

What will hate do to our spiritual walk? Why?

Read James 3:17

What are the attributes of true wisdom? Where do you need to improve in order to live wisely?

3. Prejudice Disobeys The Great Commandment

Read James 2:8-9

Why is this called the royal law?

Why is this a big deal?

Read Galatians 5:14-15

What is the warning here?

Read Romans 14:1-10

What were some of the disputable matters? Why is this so dangerous?

Have you experienced something similar in your walk with Jesus?

Who has given you more grace?

How Do We Root Out Prejudice From Our Lives?

1. Learn To See People The Way God Sees People

Read Acts 10:9-35

What did God do to help Peter understand that God accepts ALL people?

What unifies us? (34-35)

How does this help bring clarity?

Read Galatians 3:26-28

Read Isaiah 56:6-7

What does God want His church to look like?

If we do, how could this help heal our land?

Read James 4:8

What do you need to confess in order to draw closer to God?

Close in Prayer: Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.
