



Sunday, November 14, 2021

Sermon Series:
James: A Practical Faith that Works

Title: *“The Delightful Blessing of Boundaries”*

Text: James 2:8-13

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Big Idea: God has designed some wonderful spiritual boundaries that bless us with safety, order, joy, and hope as we travel on this spiritual journey.

So what is God’s “Royal Law” and why does it matter?

- 1) God’s royal boundary explained. (James 2:8-9 / Joshua 24:15 / Matthew 22:37-40)
God is the King, to be obeyed, not an elected leader with whom we can debate.
- 2) God’s royal boundary illustrated. (James 2:10-11)
- 3) God’s royal boundary is good news! (James 2:12-13 / Romans 8:1-2)

Conclusion:

I will only be truly free as I submit to the mercy and grace of God’s blessed boundaries, provided through the cross of Christ.

Study/Application Questions and Actions:

- 1) For which specific “traffic laws or boundaries” are you most grateful?
- 2) In addition to the sin of favoritism, what are other examples of God’s laws that believers can “feel justified” by obeying partially?
- 3) Read Joshua 24:15. Find some other Bible verses that speak to the truth that “God’s kingdom is not a democracy where we get to debate Him about His commands?”
- 4) Do you agree that we humans can never be “half-guilty” of breaking God’s standards? If you agree, how does that affect your daily life as a believer?
- 5) How does the “bad news” about sin, always point to the good news of the gospel?
- 6) In what specific ways could you live in the joy of the good news of forgiveness this next week, even though we will all still struggle with sin? (hint – think about the illustration of “reading glasses”).