**“Living Out Your Faith through Human Relationships”**

**James 2:1-13**

**AUTHORSHIP: It is quite generally agreed that James, called by Paul “the Lord’s brother,” (Gal. 1:19), was the writer of the epistle.**

**TO WHO ADDRESSED: Apparently to the Jewish converts who lived outside the Holy Land, possibly also to the devout Jews of the dispersion, ch.1:1.**

**MAIN THEME: Practical Religion, manifesting itself in good works, contrasted with mere Profession of Faith.**

**KEY TEXTS: James 1:27 – Religion that God the Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world; James 2:26 – As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.**

1. **BY NOT SHOWING FAVORITISM – (James 2:1-4)**
2. **BY BEING RICH IN FAITH – (James 2:5-7)**
3. **BY KEEPING THE WHOLE LAW FAITHFULLY – (James 2:8-11)**
4. **BY BEING JUDGED BY THE LAW THAT GIVES FREEDOM – (James 2:12-13)**
5. **Law of Mercy – (Matt. 5:7)**
6. **Law of Forgiveness – (Matt. 6:14-15)**
7. **Law of Sowing and Reaping – (Gal. 6:7-8)**
8. **Royal Law = Law of Love; Law of Liberty = New Covenant**

**Sample Harvest Homes Questions**

**1) Which verses stand out to you?**

**2) What principles and lessons do you see in the word?**

**3) How can you apply these principles to your life?**

**4) What teachings or statements don’t you quite understand and want to study further?**

**5) What did you learn about God?**

**6) What did you learn about human nature?**

**7) What did you learn about your own relationship with God?**

**8) You believe that God is calling you to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**