

The Dangers of Indifference

God's #1 Priority:

How _____ are treated.

Three Important Groups:

1) _____

Those who have _____ to Israel.

2) _____

Those who have _____ to _____.

3) _____

Those without _____.

The Challenge:

Our _____ is revealed by _____.

Don't feel _____; feel _____.

Questions for Further Growth

For the week of March 28, 2010

1. Read James 2:1-14. James is concerned that his community is showing preferential treatment to the more affluent. Where do you see this happening in the church today? In our church today, who are the people with the gold rings? With the shabby clothes? Are there other groups to whom we show preferential treatment?
2. Pastor Tim talked about three groups God is particularly concerned about. Read the following passages – just *some* of the passages dealing with these three groups of people:

Exodus 22:21-24	Deut. 14:28-29	Psalms 68:4-6
Exodus 23:9	Deut. 24:17-22	Psalms 146:5-9
Leviticus 19:34	Deut. 27:19	Isaiah 1:16-17
Deut. 10:17-19	1 Kings 8:41-43	Jeremiah 22:3

How have we in America forgotten what it is like to be strangers in a strange land? How does this affect our view of foreigners? What stories can Christians tell to help us remember that the Lord is partial to those who are strangers and foreigners and calls his people to show compassion to these people?

Why do you think widows and orphans are included in God's special protection? What does this say about the heart of God? About what God desires of his people?

3. Read Isaiah 58:1-4, 6-12. What does it mean to spend ourselves on behalf of the poor? What does this passage teach us about how Christians are to love? What would our world look like if all Christians lived by letting their light shine in the darkness in this way?