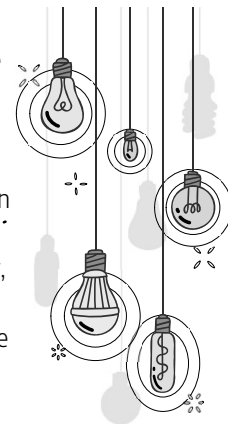


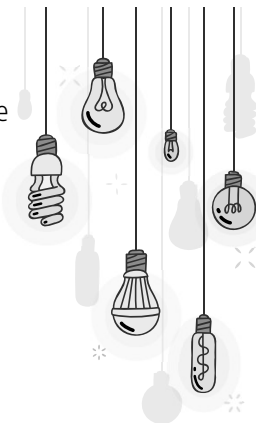
“ My dear friends, don't let public opinion influence how you live out our glorious, Christ-originated faith. If a man enters your church wearing an expensive suit, and a street person wearing rags comes in right after him, and you say to the man in the suit, “Sit here, sir; this is the best seat in the house!” and either ignore the street person or say, “Better sit here in the back row,” haven't you segregated God's children and proved that you are judges who can't be trusted?

James 2:1 – 4 (MSG)



* DISCUSS

- + How would you react if one of these people showed up at Sunday AM Worship?
 - + Someone with jewels, designer clothes
 - + Woman dressed as a “goth”, all black outfit, heavy black makeup. Tattoos
 - + Homeless person, tattered, dirty
- + According to James, how should we react?
- + How can we be welcoming to people that are so different from us?



* PRAY

- + Thank the Lord that He has accepted you, even with all your “issues”.
- + Ask God to help you to be welcoming and compassionate to people that are different from you and your friends.
- + Pray for people who come to your church, that they will feel and experience the love of Jesus when they are there, no matter what they are like.

