

# Laurel Street Mennonite Church

**September 4, 2022**

Music Leader: Pastor Judy Zook  
Discussion facilitator: Angela Dietzel

*All morning activities in the LSMC Parking Lot - weather permitting*

9:30-10:15 am Breakfast  
10:15-10:30 am Clean-up and Transition to Worship  
10:30 am Worship

**\*Baskets will be available to receive offerings and prayer requests. Please feel free to use these baskets any time throughout the morning. Prayers will be gathered and lifted up during the prayers of the people.**

## **Gathering**

Singing: Come to the Table  
This is the Day/Hoy es el dia  
God's Love is for Everybody

## **Connect**

Welcome & Table Connections  
Call to Worship and Prayer

## **Encounter**

Readers Theater: James 1:27-2:8, 14-17  
Children's Church Dismissal (ages 4-7)  
*Led by Brother Frank*

## Table Group discussion

The questions about the Bible story move from simple and general to more complex. Choose one or more questions based on what your group is drawn to.

- What do you like best about the story and why?
- Which part of the story do you think is the most important? Why?
- How could the people in the story have treated the guests at their church more fairly?
- Think of a time someone excluded or rejected you. How did you feel? What was your response to that person?

· According to James, who are the vulnerable people who are not always treated with justice and fairness? What specific things can be done for those people to fulfill the royal law, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself”?

· James calls people to match up their beliefs and actions. Give an example of that from your own life, such as “I believe \_\_\_\_\_ (belief), so I \_\_\_\_\_ (action).”

### **Share**

Singing: Strangers No More (VT 409)

Prayers of the people

Benediction