

## A Healthy Church is... A welcoming Church

Questions from James 2:1-13...

1. What does what James says about "favouritism" tell you about God's character?
2. What is it about church which makes you feel welcome and at home?
3. Being made to feel welcome is important, as the Church grows and new members join; how can we ensure that all are made welcome?
4. What are some of the reasons why we might treat a person who looks rich or "important" differently from a person who looks poor for "unimportant"?
5. Based on what *James* says, do you think *God* recognises these categories of "important" and "unimportant"?
6. Family discussion time:  
Jesus is very clear about welcoming children. Read Mark 9:35-37 and Mark 10: 13-14.  
(Children) How nice would it have felt to be cuddled by Jesus?  
What would you remember about it?  
(Family together) We are children of God. What does it mean for "the kingdom to belong to such as these"?(NIV bible)