

## Proverbs Discussions

### Just Scales

#### Proverbs 11:1, Selected Scriptures

##### 1. Introduction: Proverbs 11:1.

- A. The possession of differing weights by a sole person is a sign of wickedness and ill intention (Deut 25:13; Prov. 16:11).
  
- B. “Abominable weights and measures, which represent all forms of fraud and deceit, are concrete expressions of the abstractions “evil” and “sin.”

##### 2. Small Group Questions:

###### A. Matthew 7:1-5. (All Small Groups)

- I. Q1: Compare Matthew 7:1-5 with John 7:24. What is the positive prescription for making judgments?
  
- II. Q2: Describe in your own words what Jesus forbidding in Matthew 7:1 (He warns about this same thing in v.2, and He gives an example of it in vs.3-5)?
  
- III. Q3: Think of and share about a time when you rendered judgment on a situation differently than you would have wanted someone else to do if the roles were reversed? (example: being cut off in traffic, wearing or not wearing a mask in public in 2024, etc)

###### B. Romans. 2:1-16. (For some small groups)

- I. Who are the two groups that Paul is talking about? (hint: look at Romans 2:9, 10, 14, 17 to see these two groups)
  
- II. What problem is Paul pointing out in Romans 2:1-3?

##### III. Look at verses 9-13. What is the standard of judgment that God will use?

##### IV. Thinking about the flow of Chapter 2, what important emphasis is Paul making as summarized in verse 11?

###### C. James 2:1-13. (For some small groups)

- I. Describe the situation that James is talking about in your own words (mainly look at verses 1-4).
  
- II. What are some of the ways in which this sinful partiality is described (see vs.1, 4, 9).
  
- III. James 2:10 is a common verse to memorize. Does looking at the context of James’ argument have any impact upon how you have thought of this verse in the past? Explain.

##### IV. Looking at verses 12-13, what is the primary type of action in view?

##### V. How can we practically avoid the sinful favoritism in our judgment (see vs.12-13), and might this look like in a situation that you have been in?

###### D. Job 13:3-12. (For Large Group Discussion)

- I. What is Job’s evaluation of his friends’ assessment of his situation (Job. 13:3-5)?
  
- II. What would be an example of doing what Job’s friends did (vs.6-8)?
  
- III. How does Job believe that God will respond to people who “show partiality for Him” (v.8)?