

## SERMON NOTES

### “Soft Edges and Firm Centres” | Pastor Matthew Ruttan October 4, 2020 – Westminster Church, Barrie – Live Stream

This sermon is Part 3 of a teaching series on the book of James called “Down-To-Earth.” Today we explore James 2: 1-13. Make sure to have your Bible with you. Don’t be afraid to take notes of insights you have about the text.

1. James 2:1 says, “believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show \_\_\_\_\_”

2. What is favouritism?

3. Physicist Stephen Hawking has said that “the human race is just a chemical scum on a moderate size planet.” In contrast, why do Christians believe that every human has value?

4. What is the “royal law”?

5. Verse 13 says, “\_\_\_\_\_ triumphs over judgment.”

6. What is mercy?

7. John Chrysostom was an early church father. He said, “Mercy imitates \_\_\_\_\_ and disappoints \_\_\_\_\_.”

8. Don’t show \_\_\_\_\_.

9. Do well by \_\_\_\_\_ your neighbour as yourself.

10. Show mercy \_\_\_\_\_.

11. How can you show mercy proactively in your life?

12. Barry Corey said that Christians should have “soft edges and firm centres.” What did he mean?