

# The Lifting of Love

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FAITH / WORKS

## WARM UP

What's something you enjoy that most people don't?

## COMING UP

[GRACEPOLARIS.ORG/CALENDAR](http://GRACEPOLARIS.ORG/CALENDAR)

**Spring Work Day** Saturday, May 15 • 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. • Outdoors (Rain or Shine) • To RSVP by May 12, visit [GracePolaris.org/WorkDay](http://GracePolaris.org/WorkDay) or text “Workday” to 614-888-7733.

**Graduate Recognition** Help us celebrate the accomplishments of your high school or college graduate! To submit your graduate's info and photo by Monday, May 24, visit [GracePolaris.org/Grads](http://GracePolaris.org/Grads).

**Eat at Raising Cane's & Support MOPS!** Friday, May 14 • 11:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. • Raising Cane's (2085 Polaris Parkway in Columbus) • Mention Grace Polaris Church MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) and 15% of your purchase will go towards supporting our MOPS and MOMSnext ministry!

## WITNESS

- Who are the people in your sphere of influence you're praying will come to know Jesus?
- Share any progress/updates. Pray together for God to use you and your Grace Group to influence these people for Jesus.

## EXPLORE

- 1 The *Declaration of Independence* states: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights...” On what basis did those early leaders make that claim? On what basis do you believe it?
- 2 How is our society doing in living out the “equality of all men” before God? Explain. Who are some individuals or groups to whom you might be tempted to show favoritism or to treat as inferior? Why them?
- 3 James focuses on the division of rich and poor. What are some other divisions among people that society or churches might wrongly foster?
- 4 Why is favoritism in the Church of Jesus Christ such a contradiction? In what ways is it possible to affirm the equal value of all believers and yet wrongly treat some as inferior or less valuable?
- 5 What is Grace Polaris Church doing to affirm and practically highlight the “equality of all men” before God? Think of examples in a variety of categories.
- 6 We are inclined to excuse our favoritism (whether conscious or not) on the basis of all the other things we are doing well before God. How do verses 8–11 speak to that?
- 7 God is marked by mercy and compassion. Followers of Jesus Christ should be, too. What person or group ought to receive more affirmation and compassion from you?

## PRAY

Pray that God would help you see blind spots in your heart related to how you view and treat others.