

Warming Up

What stood out to you from this weekend's message on Obadiah?

Were you able to practice an act of selflessness or humility this past week? I know we said to not tell anyone and you don't have to...rather, if you can, share how that act impacted you.

Digging Deeper

You did not choose where and when you were born. By God's grace you live in a place that is still abundant with resources and hope for the future. **Read James 4:13-5:1.** Is God being heavy handed? What is the truth being conveyed in this passage?

Is James opposed to planning and saving? What is the point he is attempting to make? How does this compare to Jesus' words in **Matthew 6:19-21**?

Read James 4:17 again. Have you ever thought about sin from this angle? What comes to mind as you think about the application of this verse?

Most of us fall into the "we have abundance" category...yet some of you may feel a battle in your suffering (whatever form it may take—not just financially). **Read James 5:7-12.** What does James call apprentices to wait patiently for? Why does he say to "not grumble"?

Bringing it Home

Brave question...but will bring your group closer: Is there an area of your life where you are standing "aloof" while someone in your circle of influence is suffering?

Is there an area of your life where you know you need to act...but you are not?

Pray for one another for these things.