

**James: Faith in Action**  
**Warning of the Rich**  
**James 5:1-6**

**TALK IT OVER**

**Passages**

*"5 Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. 2 Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. 3 Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. 4 Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. 5 You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. 6 You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you." – James 5:1-6 (ESV)*

**Start Talking: Find an announcement or mission for your group. (15 Min)**

- April 9: Invite some friends or neighbors to Easter Services
- As you reflect on last weekend's sermon, what one principle or insight stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful, or difficult to grasp?

**Head: Start Thinking about the Text. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)**

- The sermon text was James 5:16 and can be found on the left-hand side. To keep the study fresh please read Luke 12:13-21 in your Bible for your life group's main text.
- What was it that the rich man put his trust in, and where did it get him?
- How can you be rich towards God? What treasures are in Heaven?

**Heart: Start Sharing how the Text is shaping our beliefs. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)**

- Have you ever put more focused on money or possessions than you should have? What caused you to do that?
- Why is there a warning for the rich? Is it bad to have more than others?

**Hands: Start living the Text. Commit to believing or obeying the text this week. (10 Min)**

- Considered upping the amount you donate to charities or to church. Gift back what the Lord has given you.
- How can you be more dependent on God when it comes to your finances?

**Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)**

- For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

**Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. Pick a question. (15 Min)**

1. Who is one non-believer or someone without a church home that you need to reach out to this week?
2. What kind of conversations are you having with people you are reaching out to?
3. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
4. What's a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
5. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
6. Pray for one another.