

Living the Way: A study of the book of James
March 15, 2026 Discussion Guide
Scripture reading: James 5:1-6

CHECK UP:

*Memory work: "If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them." - James 4:17

*What "ought to do good" did you do this past week (James 4:17)?

OPEN:

- What was a highlight in your week this past week? What was a particular challenge you had?
- If you won 1 million dollars, what would you do with it?
 - o How does money change people?

READ and DISCUSS: James 5:1-6; 1 Timothy 6:9-10, 17-19

- To whom is this passage addressed?
 - o What evidence is there that the "rich people" are non-believers?
 - o What "crimes" and "evidence" is against them? What destiny are they headed for?
 - o Even so, how does the passage issue warning to believers?
- What does it mean to live in "luxury and indulgence"? Why should living in one of the wealthiest lands in the world cause us pause?
 - o Especially (but not exclusively) when we think globally, how should this passage bring us encouragement?
- What attitudes does God have toward hoarding wealth?
- What is the best way to combat the lure of wealth?
 - o How does God want us to handle money?
- How should a Christian business owner or employer be different from others who do not follow Christ?

APPLY:

- How do money and riches affect our relationship with God?
 - o How does a person's use of money reflect what is important to him or her?

- How should the pursuits of Christians be vastly different from those who aren't?

- How have you looked to wealth for security, significance and satisfaction?
 - o How does the gospel offer true security, significance and satisfaction?

- NEXT STEP: How do you need to rest in the gospel this week? What actions can you take to foster that?

Memory Work:

Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. - 1 Timothy 6:9

Next Week's Reading:

James 5:7-12