

Sermon: Rejecting the Love of Money.
Series: *James: Real Wisdom Real Faith.*

Scripture: James 5:1-6.
Date: March 20, 2022

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about us?

- a) Do you consider yourself to be rich? Why or why not?
- b) In what ways are you idolizing money; using money to achieve security, peace, status, power, etc. in your life? Can you see any ways that you might be hoarding wealth, using your wealth to hurt others, or simply being self-indulgent?

2. What does this passage teach us about God?

- a) What is God's response to the unrighteous rich? What is God's response to the righteous poor/oppressed?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

- a) How does verse 6 reflect the work of Jesus and the cross?
- b) How does remembering the gospel keep our hearts from greed?

APPLICATION

- a) Is there a specific way that God is asking you to use your wealth to bless others?
- b) Think through together how a Christian can enjoy the gifts God has given without being "self-indulgent"?

FIGHTER VERSES: James 4:7-10.

PRAYER

- Praise God for his justice toward those who cry out to him.
- Confess ways that you have used your wealth in unrighteous ways.
- Thank Jesus for allowing himself to be condemned in our place .
- Ask God to help you live free from the idolatry of wealth while sharing what you have with others.