



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

James - Week 13: Money Mismanagement
August 31 - 3, 2023

LEADER NOTES: **Fall trimester:** 8/28-12/10 **New Leader Trainings:** 12/10 in person and 12/18 on Zoom.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Prayer and Fasting Through September 6: In preparation for Saturated, prayer and fasting helps us let go of the things of the world and grab hold of the things of Jesus. If you're medically able, join us in fasting weekly for 24 hours from sun-down on Tuesdays until sun-down on Wednesdays. Every Wednesday leading up to Saturated, our campuses will be open from 7-8am and 12-1pm to create space for you to draw near to the Lord

Saturated, September 6-10, 2023: Our annual five-day event in which we anticipate the movement of God to bring revival in our lives individually and as a church body. [Click here for details.](#)

THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN: coe22.com/readingplan

Share Wins, Praises and Prayers: Where did you see God move this week?

The Point: The love of money is the root of all sorts of evil.

SERMON TEXT: *James 5:1-6; Matt 6:19-21; Luke 12:33; John 10:10; 1 Timothy 5:6; Psalm 143:2*

Discussion Questions

LEADERS: There is no pressure to get through all the questions; we suggest prayerfully planning your choices for your group. Your leadership of sharing and questioning will determine how deep your group goes with each question.

- **What stood out to you in the sermon this week?**
- **What did God reveal to you in the scriptures (*James 5:1-6*) this week, maybe for the first time?**
- **Read *James 5:1-2*.**
Discover: Who is James writing to in these verses? (*James is warning believers. Jesus is not concerned with who is wealthy and poor but who is godly and ungodly. In Matthew 6:21, Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." How you spend your money points to what is most important to you.*)
Deepen: When was the last time you wept over how you spend your money? (*When you put your treasure in earthly things, that's the evidence you don't believe in Jesus and eternity. That's the evidence you don't truly believe that only Jesus fully and finally satisfies. Stuff becomes your savior. What if you viewed what is temporary in light of what is eternal and leveraged what will only last for a minute for what will last forever?*)
- **Read *James 5:3-4*.**
Discover: Where are you stealing or defrauding someone or God? (*We like to think that we never steal, but have you ever used someone else's Netflix password, called in sick when you weren't, taken some office supplies home or not paid your employees what they were worth? When you steal, you're saying you're more important than other people. You're acting like the enemy and you're not trusting God to provide.*)
Deepen: How do gratitude and good stewardship go together? (*Gratitude to God leads to generosity as an act of worship, the opposite of hoarding your wealth. Godly, grateful people manage their resources well and build opportunities for generosity.*)
- **Read *James 5:5*.**
Discover: What luxury resources do you use in your life?
Deepen: How are you using those resources to glorify God?
- **Read *James 5:6*. What does this verse mean, in light of the Gospel?** (*The "you" in this verse is you and me. The only "righteous one" is Jesus. The Good News is this, Jesus is perfect righteousness for you. He was condemned for your sin in your place and "He does not resist you." He is your Lord of Hosts, Just Judge, King of Kings, Lord of Lords and Good Father.*)

- ACTION STEP

A Disciple...Loves All People, Discovers Identity in Jesus, Deepens Relationship with Jesus.

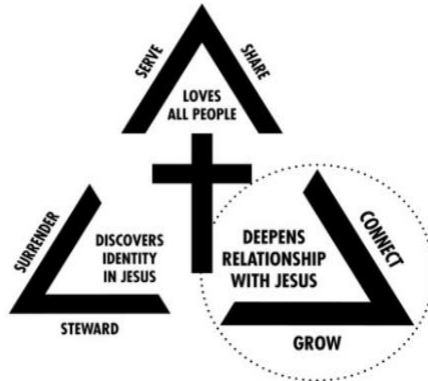
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