

SCRIPTURE: James 5:1-6

1. **BELONG** – Remember, this section isn't filler, but a genuine time to slow down and assess how people are doing in their personal and spiritual lives. Feel free to change the questions, but the point is to truly sit in this moment to allow time and space for encouraging spiritual connectivity.
 - A. What are some things the Lord has used to grab your attention this week?
 - B. What section of James has been difficult for you to apply?
 - C. With this conversation in mind, spend some time praying for one another.

2. **DISCOVER** – Read James 5:1-6 together. This section is all about discovering the Word together. Be an active listener as people respond to the text. Ask them follow up questions. Help the group think through what they're saying and how it applies to them spiritually.
 - A. Thinking back to Brad's message on this passage, what points or illustrations come to mind?
 - B. Given the context of this chapter and book, how would you summarize the primary theme of this section of scripture?
 - C. What truth(s) does this passage teach us about the character of **God**?
 - Can you think of any other passages in scripture that support this truth?
 - D. What truth(s) does this passage teach us about the character of **mankind**?
 - Can you think of any other passages in scripture that support this truth?
 - E. How do the truth(s) communicated in this passage apply to each of us as followers of Jesus?

3. **GO** – Take time to apply the text. Once we hear truth, we are called to live it out. If our groups just sit and talk about information, we won't experience transformation. This section is about keeping one another accountable to live out what we're learning.
 - A. Why do you think James jumps to talking about finances in the context of chapter 5? Why does God care about His followers hoarding wealth?
 - B. How do you define wealth? What are some dangers of accumulating riches and wealth?
 - C. Are you tempted to look down on folks who have less than you? Do you struggle with resentment toward others who have more?
 - D. Are there other passages of scripture that describe the way we should store up, leverage, or use our wealth?

4. **PRAY** - Petition the Lord together as you close out your group time with outward focused prayer. How might the truths in these scriptures impact the way you live your life and make a spiritual difference in the lives others?
 - A. Pray for a heart of generosity that mirrors the widow who gave her mite in Luke 21:1-4.
 - B. Pray for those in our community and around the world who are struggling to find enough.
 - C. Share prayer needs and pray for one another as a group.