

# JAMES

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## James 5:1-7 Discussion Guide

Week of 5/15/22

**Icebreaker:** Fill in the blank: When I hear a sermon about money, I often feel \_\_\_\_\_. Why?

**Getting Started:** Read James 5:1-7 as a group.

**1.** What is James accusing the rich of doing that brings this stinging rebuke?

*Application:* Do you think this is a problem that persists today? If so, how?

**2.** James says to the rich that they should “weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you.” What do you think James means?

*Application:* What is it about wealth that can make people think more about the present than the future? How should wealth be used in the present if we keep God’s future judgment in view?

**3.** What do you think James means in verse 4 that, “the wages of the laborers” and “cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts”?

*Application:* What kind of response stirs up in you if you consider there’s no injustice that God is unaware of?

**4.** What do you think it looks like for people to “live on the earth in luxury and self-indulgence” and to have “fattened [their] hearts in a day of slaughter” as verse 5 describes?

*Application:* Do you see this happening in our day? If so, how or where?

**5.** Look up the following verses: Matthew 6:24, 1 Timothy 6:10, and Hebrews 13:5. What common theme or instruction do you see across these verses?

*Application:* What kind of steps have you taken, or should you begin to take to encourage a healthy relationship between material possessions and your heart?