

Life Group Discussion Guide Faith in Practice How Does Faith Work With Your Wealth? - James 5:1-6 Scott Paulson - June 18, 2023

<u>Main thought:</u> How we handle wealth is a test of a growing and maturing faith.

<u>Notes</u> James 5:1-6 A strong warning to the <u>wealthy</u> (v. 1) A word against <u>hoarding</u> (vv. 2-3) A word against <u>stealing</u> (v. 4) A word against self-centered <u>living</u> (v. 5) A word against <u>condemnation</u> & <u>cruelty</u> (v. 6)

4 Kinds of Wealth & Poverty

Materially	Spiritually
Poor	<u>Poor</u>
<u>Rich</u>	<u>Rich</u>
<u>Poor</u>	<u>Rich</u>
<u>Rich</u>	<u>Poor</u>

3 Approaches to Wealth

What's mine is <u>mine</u> What's <u>yours</u> is mine What's mine is <u>His</u>

Application

Hold wealth <u>loosely</u> Steward <u>wisely</u> Give <u>generously</u>

Ice-Breaker

• Share something God has been teaching you recently.

Verse of the week

• What is a verse or truth from God's Word that has stood out to you this week from your personal Bible reading?



Digging In

Read James 5:1-6, and discuss the following questions.

- What stood out to you from this passage/message?
- Is it wrong to be wealthy? Why or why not?
- What are some of the things you know that the Bible teaches regarding wealth?
- Why do you/we need to hear the strong warning of this passage?
- How have wealth and material possessions stretched you to grow in your faith?
- How has someone else's generosity been a positive model or blessing to you in your faith journey?

Application

- Which of the 3 application points from Sunday stood out to you?
- What is a way you can apply this passage in your life this week?

Praying as a group

• How can we be praying for each other this week?