

# JAMES

## FAITH WORKS

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Discussion Guide | March 31, 2019

James 5:1-6

#### Questions for Study and Discussion

\*\* Before you begin, please read James 5:1-6 as a group.

#### Being a Great Steward

1. In terms of money and resources, what would you consider to be rich? How has your definition of “rich” changed over time (for example, from childhood to adulthood, or as you’ve interacted with people from different economic backgrounds or other countries)?
2. Is it wrong to be rich? Why or why not?
3. As a group, brainstorm and share with each other what the Bible says about our relationship with money, wealth, etc. (point to specific passages in Scripture as much as you can).
4. James charges the rich he’s writing to with several offenses. Look back through the passage and identify at least two or three.
5. What do these offenses reveal about their (the rich in this passage) attitude toward money, toward people, and toward God?
6. How would you describe the difference between being an “owner” and a “steward” of your resources? For each one, list some qualities and underlying motivations.
7. As a group, look up the following passages, and discuss how each one brings clarity to the difference between an “owner” and a “steward” mentality:
  - 1 Tim 6:6-10
  - Deut 24:14-15
  - Matt 6:19-24
  - Prov 23:4-5
  - 1 Tim 6:17-19
8. How does our culture and our sinful nature tempt us away from living with a mentality of stewardship?
9. How did Jesus model the opposite of what we read about in James 5:1-6? Hint: check out Philippians 2:5-8.
10. What specific steps of obedience can you take this coming week, to apply what you’ve learned in James 5:1-6?

#### Challenge: Memorize Proverbs 23:4-5:

“Do not wear yourself out to get rich; do not trust your own cleverness. Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle.”