

STEADFAST

JOY

A STUDY
IN THE
BOOK OF
JAMES

DISCUSSION GUIDE

WEEK FOUR

THE GREAT REVERSAL

James 1:9-11

SERMON REFLECTION

1. Describe one of your main takeaways from this Sunday's sermon.
2. What did you learn about poverty and wealth that you can apply to your life this week?

BIBLE STUDY

1. How does James 1:9-11 relate to enduring trials?
2. How should James 1:10-11 affect your attitude about your career and your possessions?
3. In what sense does someone in humble circumstances have a high position? Why is this something to take pride in (see 1:12, 18 and 2:5)?

GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. Do you consider yourself to be in humble or rich circumstances?
2. What does James instruct you to boast in? Is that difficult for you? Why or why not?
3. How does the knowledge that life is short affect how you live day to day?

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

Use the questions below from the Sunday Field Guide from Children's Ministries to help you engage your children in this week's sermon. For additional questions and direction on discipling your kids this week, check out the full [Sunday Field Guide](#).

- Does your favorite Christmas gift from last year make you as happy now as it did when you opened it? Why or why not?
- Are riches bad? What are some good things you could do with riches?
- Why can riches tempt us to forget God?

APPLICATIONS

Reflect on your view of money in light of Jesus's return. Read what Proverbs 11:4 says about the effect money has at the last judgment.

- Pray for God to reveal how you value money compared to how you value Jesus's righteousness.
- Take tangible steps to make Jesus's righteousness a priority in your heart. Consider sharing these steps with a spouse, trusted friend, or accountability partner.
- Need help applying financial wisdom or biblical stewardship? We offer free financial coaching. [Request Financial Coaching](#).

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Book: [*Redeeming Money: How God Reveals and Reorients Our Hearts*](#)

Book: [*Money, Possessions, and Eternity*](#)

Article: "[Money is Not Your Master](#)"

Article: "[The Duality of Money's Power](#)"

Verses: "[10 Key Bible Verses on Money](#)"