



## INTRODUCTION

The love of money leads to judgment, injustice, and self-indulgence.

## INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore, please use it as a tool that best fits the needs of your small group.

## OPENING DISCUSSION

- What was your biggest take-away from the sermon?

## REVIEW

- Have someone read **James 5:1-6**.
- James tells them to "weep and howl." What does this mean and why does James tell them to do this?
- What will be the end of our material possessions? What will this reveal on judgment day?
- Is it merely the fact that we have comfort/material possessions/luxury that is bad? What makes them bad?
- What is the proper perspective on money? Read Prov. 30:24-25; Matt. 6:19-21, 24; Eph. 4:28 ; Heb. 13:5-6.
- How does the gospel motivate us to live in sacrificial service not self-indulgence?

## APPLICATION

- In what way are you most prone to love money?
  - Do you love the safety and perceived freedom of a growing bank account?
  - Are you prone to self-indulgence? Do you love material possessions?
  - Do you want nice things b/c you hunger for the applause of people?
- Do you find yourself making decisions based purely off the economic outcome?
- What does the love of money reveal about you?
- How do you respond when a friend gets a new car or new outfit?
  - Do you feel "less than" now that they have something nicer than you?
  - Do you covet and think about how you have it too?
  - Do you think ill of others who have luxuries you don't?
- How might Prov. 30:8-9 correct your heart's attitude toward money?

## PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- Is there any sin you should confess in light of this passage?
- Are there any other prayer needs?