

HOW TO OVERCOME THE FORCES OF GREED AND CORRUPTION

James 5:1-6

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. WARNINGS

- God loves selfless generosity, not selfish hoarding
- God loves selfless, purposeful use of our resources, not selfish, wasteful spending
- God loves when we use our resources and power to protect and promote human rights, not when we use them to ignore and deny human rights

2. HOPE

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. This week we talked about how to overcome the forces of greed and corruption. How would you describe your relationship with money?
3. One of the warnings from James 5:1-6 is that God loves selfless generosity, not selfish hoarding. Why do you save the amount of money you save? Does the thought of losing or giving away your savings anger, terrify or worry you? Why or why not? What does it look like to have a Christian view of saving money?
4. Impulse purchases are easier now than ever with the creation of things like Amazon. What sort of criteria do you use when making decisions on what to buy? Should anything change about the way you spend money based on the warnings in James 5:1-6?
5. Where can we find hope for overcoming the greed and corruption in our own hearts?
6. James ties our hope of overcoming the greed and corruption in the world to the reality of God's judgement (see James 5:4 and 5:7). How can knowing that God is a God of justice give us hope in the midst of a greedy and corrupt world?
7. What is one thing you can do differently this week based on James 5:1-6?

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ: Though He was rich, for your sake He became poor, so that by His poverty you might become rich." 2 Cor. 8:9