

## **Bible Summary**

James 5:1-6

Money, Money, Money

James addresses a Bible topic that might be unpopular but it is mentioned over 2000 times in Scripture. He warns that wealth is dangerous. We, in America, are in the top 1% historically. We need to heed his warnings and put controls on our own lives to ensure we do not fall for the deceitfulness of riches.

Scriptures – James 5:1-6; Matthew 6:21-24, 1 Timothy 6:6-18, John 17:3, 1 Corinthians 6:20

## **Bible Questions & Application**

(These are meant to aid in facilitating conversation.

There is no obligation to run through **every** listed question.)

1. Money can be a difficult topic to discuss; how did it make you feel when Matt said the message would be about money?
2. Why do you think the Bible mentions money over 2000 times?
3. What does it mean when we say money is neutral?
4. Why is it difficult for people to confess the sin of greed?
5. Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35) Discuss.
6. In what ways does money have a unique, god-like power? Why do we put our trust in money? How can social media contribute to this mindset?
7. Instead of seeking riches of this world, how can we be rich in good works and seek treasure in heaven? (1 Timothy 6:17-19)
  - a. How can you be generous now?
  - b. How can we become more aware of the needs of those around us?
8. For you, what does it look like to plan wisely for the future without obsessing about money?

## **"Getting to know you" Questions**

1. Since we last met, what are a couple things you're particularly thankful for? (Philippians 4:8)
2. Have you seen any victories?
3. What is a challenge you are facing right now?
4. What is one thing you are looking forward to?