

Getting Clarity in an Unclear World

James 5:1-6

CONNECT:

When is the last time you felt clarity in a big decision?

PREPARE

- What is your reaction to the fact that there are more verses about money in the Bible (over 2000) than the words “faith”, “hope,” and “love”?
- If finances are one of the top reason for divorce in America, what does that say about our hearts in relation to money?

STUDY AND DISCUSS:

- Read Matthew 19:23-24.
- Of the three explanations for the illustration of a camel and the eye of a needle, why is the literal interpretation the best choice?
 1. Literal camel and eye of a needle
 2. Word for camel in Greek is super close to the word for rope or cable.
 3. Walls around the cities in ancient days had little gates.
- Read Matthew 19:25 and 26. What is the message Jesus is saying about anyone, but especially the rich?
- Read James 5:1-6. Wealth is a dangerous trap for unbelievers, and yet James is warning christians. What is he warning against and how do you see this in our current time?
- It's important to note that money isn't evil...it's the obsession, love and trust in money that's evil. There are many in the Bible who loved and served God faithfully that had money. How have you seen this in your own life?
- Read 1 Timothy 6:9-10. Many think they can handle it or at least give it a try. Why is this warning so very important?

Community Group Discussion Questions

- Read 1 Chronicles 29:11-12. How does this passage help you understand “your” money and the ultimate source of it?

RESPONSE:

- Christians should be the most generous people in the world. The church has done amazing things for the poor, the hurting, those in need, etc., but our witness with our money speaks volumes.
- How can you be a better witness with you money?
- What would it mean for you to worship with your money?

PRAY

Lord, we acknowledge that everything comes from you. Please help everything in our lives to represent our worship of you, including our money.