

Lesson for Midday and Evening Becoming Sessions

Topic: Warning to Rich Oppressors

Text: James 5:1-6

Lesson Central Idea

Being Rich In **Cash** Is Good, But Being Rich In **Christ** Is Best

OPEN IT

- What does it take to be considered rich in your community?
- If you won 1 million dollars, what would you do with it?
- How does money change people?

EXPLORE IT

- Whom did James address in this passage? Why? (James 5:1)
- What warning did James give to rich people? (James 5:1-3)
- What misfortune lies ahead for some wealthy people? (5:1-3)
- Who should “weep and wail”? (5:1-6)
- What happens to all the possessions of the wealthy? (5:2-3)
- What attitude does God have toward hoarding wealth? (James 5:3)
- For what reasons will the rich be punished? (James 5:4-6)
- Who have been the victims of rich people? (James 5:4-6)
- How have rich people hurt others? (James 5:4-6)
- What do luxury and self-indulgence have to do with the trouble that lies ahead for rich people? (James 5:5)

GET IT

- How do money and riches affect our relationship with God?
- What problems are solved by being rich?
- What problems are not solved by being rich?
- How does God want us to manage money?
- What does it mean to live in “luxury and indulgence”?
- What common business and financial practices are different from God’s standards?
- How should a Christian business owner or employer differ from others who do not follow Christ?
- How does a person’s use of money reflect what is important to them?
- How can we use money to reflect what is essential to God?
- What material possessions would be challenging to give up to help someone else?
- What do you possess that money cannot buy?

APPLY IT

- What can you do with your money this week to demonstrate your love for God?
- What changes can you make in your habitual use of money to please God?
- What plans for the future can you make to reflect God’s concern for the poor?

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