

Life Groups: Connecting people to God, His Word, and One Another

Questions from Pastor Bill's Message on Jan 7.

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO ONE ANOTHER:

- 1) Pastor Bill said, "Have you noticed how frequently we come to *a fork in the road* in life? It seems like there's always some fork in the road we're coming too. What "fork in the road" are you facing?"
- 2) Did you set any New Year's Resolutions? How are they going so far?

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO GOD'S WORD. [Read James 5:1-12](#)

- 1) Who was James addressing in this section of Scripture? (Verse 1) Who is he speaking to today?
- 2) Why is God upset with these rich people according to verses 3-6? Who are these verses directed at today?
- 3) What does verse 9 mean to you?
- 4) What word or phrase stands out to you in verses 9-12?

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO GOD THROUGH THE SERMON, PRAYER, AND TIME TOGETHER:

QUESTIONS FROM THE SERMON:

- 1) Pastor Bill said that James 5:1-12 presents us with *two options*. We can *do life our way* or we can *do life God's way*. We can go through life *wishing* things were different, or we can go through life *living* to make them different. What do you think of those two options?
- 2) How did the story of Lester and his magic wishes impact you? What did it make you think about?
- 3) How can our wealth get between us and God?
- 4) What do we need to do to see to it that our wealth doesn't get between us and God?
- 5) The Bible often talks about money and wealth. You have probably heard 100 sermons about it. What do you believe the Bible says about it? Why does the Bible warn us so much about it?
- 6) Pastor Bill also addressed the topics of patience/standing firm and refraining from complaining? Why are those topics important to the church today?
- 7) There are so many good things we could talk about. What did you write down in your notes? What meant the most to you?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

- 1) How can this sermon and the book of James help you face the next fork in the road?
- 2) Who are we accountable to for how we use our wealth? Why does that matter?
- 3) What do you think you do well in terms of money/stuff? What strategies can you share to help us all get or stay on track?

PRAYER:

- 1) According to James 5:1-12, how can we pray for each other?
- 2) Do you have any specific prayer requests tonight?
- 3) How can we pray for our church during this time of transition?