

# GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS ON

## James 5:1-6

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### OPEN IT

- ✚ How much income does it take to be considered rich in our community?
- ✚ If YOU won \$1M, what would you do? What would WE do with \$5M?
- ✚ How does money change people?

### EXPLORE IT

- ✚ 4:13-17/5:1-6 Do you think James continues to address the same group from chapter 4 or an entirely different group? Why?
- ✚ 5:1-6 Who should “weep and wail”? Why?
- ✚ 5:4-6 How have rich people hurt others?
- ✚ 5:5 What do luxury and self-indulgence have to do with the trouble that lies ahead for rich people?

#### Additional Questions to Explore the Text

- 5:1-3 What warning(s) did James give to rich people?
- 5:1-3 What misfortune lies ahead for the wealthy?
- 5:2-3 What will happen to all the possessions of the wealthy?
- 5:3 What attitude does God have toward hoarding wealth?
- 5:4-6 For what reasons will the rich be punished?
- 5:4-6 Who have been the victims of rich people?
- Prov. 21:13 What serious warning does this proverb convey?

### GET IT

- ✚ What does it mean to live in “luxury and indulgence”?
- ✚ How can we use money to reflect what is important to God?
- How do money and riches affect our relationship with God?
- What problems are solved by being rich? What is not solved?
- How does God want us to handle money?
- What business/financial practices are different from God’s standards?
- How should a Christian employer be different from others?
- How does a person’s use of money reflect what’s important to him/her?
- What possessions would you find difficult to give up to help someone?
- What do you possess that money cannot buy?

### APPLY IT

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