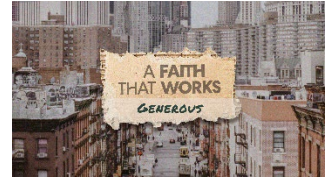


James: A Faith that Works

Generous

James 5:1-6

Pastor Chris Lenhart - 11/10/24



Opening Thought Questions:

How does the love of money corrupt and make the church a fraudulent witness?

Shifting Hope toward Despair (1-3)

Markers of Wealth in the Roman Empire

1. Ownership of _____
2. Possession of _____
3. Positions of _____ and societal _____.

Turning Faithfulness into Fraud (4)

Flipping Love to Condemnation (5-6)

Good News...

- A. God _____ and grows our capacity for _____.
- B. God has demonstrated the greatest act of generosity in _____ his _____ begotten Son, Jesus.
- C. Jesus _____ himself and gave away his _____ demonstrating the selfless and sacrificial nature of _____.

Further Study

Matthew 5-7
James 1-4

Amos 8
Micah 2-3
Jeremiah 22
Ezekiel 22
Matt. 6
Luke 12, 16,
18:18-30
Matt. 18:24-25
Matt. 6:19-21
Matt. 25:14-30

Dt. 24:14-15

Jn. 2:14-17

Jn. 3:16-18
Philp. 2:6-8

Next Week: James-A Faith that Works "Patient" 5:7-12

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<p style="text-align: center;">Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Start with <u>Prayer</u> -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Go over prayer requests together.</p> <p><u>Read the Text</u> – James 5:1-6</p> <p><u>Questions for Reflection & Discussion:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How do James’ words caution us against putting our hope in our prosperity or wealth? In what ways does a love of money actually move us from hopeful attitudes and postures about our future towards desperation or misery? (vss.1-6) 2. What happens when we try to cling to our material wealth or possessions? (vss. 1-3) 3. How does James suggest that a love of money or possessions can lead us to mistreat and practice injustice toward others? What is God’s response to the cries of the oppressed? (vs. 4-6) 4. Take these 6 verses in James 5 and compare them to Jesus’ words in Matthew 6:19-21. How are they similar? What does Jesus conclude in Matthew 6:21? 5. Seeing generosity as an antidote for greed and the love of money. Share about, journal, and/or reflect on opportunities in our family, church, or community, where we can encourage and challenge one another to grow our personal and collective generosity. <p><u>Questions guiding Spiritual Formation & Application:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does this text invite us to grow in a greater love for God? 2. What lessons within this text move us towards growing in our love for one another? 3. What principles could be applied to our family life, careers, communities, or congregational life? 4. Consider how Jesus could use our application of the principles in this text to draw those that do not know him, unto himself? 5. Who is currently in our lives that needs an invitation to meet Jesus or be part of a kind and gracious Christian community? 	<p><u>Further Study</u></p> <p>Matthew 5-7 James 1-4 Amos 8 Micah 2-3 Jeremiah 22 Ezekiel 22 Matt. 6 Luke 12, 16, 18:18-30 Matt. 18:24-25 Matt. 6:19-21 Matt. 25:14-30 Dt. 24:14-15 Jn. 2:14-17 Jn. 3:16-18 Philp. 2:6-8</p> <p><u>Prayer Requests</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Family</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Church</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Community</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Career/Friends</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Other</p>