

## **Growth Group Questions - July 30, 2017**

### **James: Money Talks (James 5)**

1. What about this passage and message made the most sense to you?
2. What about this passage and message made the least sense to you?
3. Why do you think Pastor Kent felt this passage was difficult to preach?
4. Do you think today's passage, James 5:1-6, has anything to say or has any application for you or is it better suited for someone else? Explain.
5. Why do you think James felt the need to speak to this issue?
6. Do you think this passage is just as applicable to today's culture? More applicable today? Less applicable today? Explain.
7. Many of us may feel that we are not rich, but a study done just four years ago stated that the bottom 10% of American citizens have better lives than the top 10% of Russians, Portuguese, or our southern neighbors in Mexico. Another study showed that American's living at the poverty line are in the top 14% of the global income distribution. Do these statistics bring any meaning or relevance to the conversation? Why or why not?
8. Have you (and your spouse if applicable) ever thought what would be 'enough' for you to live on and 'enough' that you would not want for more?
9. If you had more than your 'enough' what would you dream about using your money and resources for?
10. What are some regrets you have had in your spending?
11. What are some things you don't regret?
12. Do you think of your money, resources, and possessions as something you have earned or do you see things as gifts from God?

