

# JAMES

*Wisdom for the Everyday Stuff of Life*

# DNA GUIDE

## WEEK 11: WISDOM FOR THE RICH

### DISCOVER (PRE-WORK)

Before and while you read these passages ask the Spirit of God to illuminate your heart and mind and bring conviction and clarity of his truth for your life. Take some time during your own personal study to read through these four key questions:

1. Who is God (what does this passage tell me about God's character)?
2. What Has God Done (how do I see God's character in action here)?
3. Who Am I (how does God's character and action shape how I see myself)?
4. What Do I Do (if I believe 1-3 how would I respond and relate to others)?

**Scripture: James 5:1-6; Matthew 6:19-21; 2 Corinthians 8:1-9; 9:6-11**

*QUESTION: What did you DISCOVER during your study?*

### NURTURE

Confess out loud to one another areas of personal struggle or unbelief that the Spirit revealed during your personal study.

In light of this week's sermon, consider these questions together:

1. In light of your reading, what questions come to mind and what key issues are being surfaced that you need to process with your DNA group?
2. What do you do with what you have been given (resources, money, abilities and time) and why?
3. How does your handling of wealth and resource reveal what you believe to be true of God and the way he gives or withholds blessing from us?

4. Do you need to repent of hoarding, oppressing or self-indulgence (without restraint) in your spending? If so, what wrong beliefs about Who God is, What God has done and Who you are in Christ need to be confessed?

During this time, let each person share how or where they need to repent and believe the truth of God revealed to them in Jesus. An example of this might be, "I have a hard time releasing resources because I fundamentally believe God is holding back on me. Or, that he will fail to provide for my needs in the future. Or, that he is not in control and so I have to be. I realize that this is not true because I can see the generosity of our God in not withholding his own son so that I might be saved and he has promised to give me every other good gift I need as well." You could process through this in ways we have hoarded, oppressed or been self-indulgent.

*QUESTION: How will you REPENT and BELIEVE the gospel?*

## **ACT**

In light of your time together, what steps will you take to act on your new discoveries and affirmed beliefs?

Consider these questions:

1. Identify an area or situation in your life where you plan to grow in generosity or where you need to restrain yourself from self-indulgence.
2. Who will you intentionally bless through generosity?
3. What area do you need to submit to God to change your heart on in regards to riches and possessions?
4. How can we be praying for one another to grow in freedom and generosity?

*QUESTION: What will you DO and who will you TELL about what God has done?*