



## On Mission Together With our \$

**James 5:1-5**

### ***Getting Started***

- When you were growing up, how would you describe your family's view toward money? Toward generosity?
- Who is the most generous person you know? Who has blessed you by their generosity?
- How would you describe where you are today on the journey toward generosity? How big of a priority is it for you and what are some barriers to being more generous?
- What or who would you give generously to if you had unlimited funds? Why would you choose that particular person or organization?

### **Study** *Read James 5:1-5*

- If James were a prosecuting attorney, what would be on his list of charges against the rich?
- What do you think James would say today if we could ask him, "So, what do you want us to do?"
- It's easy to falsely believe that rich people are more loved by God. What if, instead, we saw them as more responsible?
- What responsibility would you take on if you believed your wealth was given to you for the purpose of loving others?

### **Respond** *How have you experienced each of these implications of generosity proven true?*

- Generosity REFLECTS God's heart.
- Generosity ENRICHES our lives.
- Generosity CONNECTS us with others.

- Generosity PROTECTS us from bad investments.
- Generosity FREES our hearts from insatiable consumerism.

### ***Apply***

- “Generosity works.” Brainstorm a list of ways that generosity makes for a richer, better life. How have you seen generosity “working” in your life?
- If we were to look at your life in the past, where have you been tempted to follow the world’s thinking about money (3s’ ILLUSION, ASSUMPTION CONSUMPTION)?
- Discuss ways that you are prone to behave as though money will bring security, significance, and soothing?

### ***Personal Assessment***

- Am I assessing my finances through the lens of being a manager rather than an owner?
- Am I using the money entrusted to me in accordance with the “OWNER’S” wishes?
- Am I carefully keeping account of where all the “OWNER’S” funds are going?
- Am I growing in my intimacy with the “OWNER” by the privilege and opportunity of managing His resources?