

James 5:1-6 6-28-09

Connecting Group questions

1. Reflect on injustice in your life: What's something that made you feel like you had been treated unfairly? (like the time you got punished for your brother's "crime")
2. Review your notes from the sermon and reflect on what you heard. Give one sentence to describe your thoughts or feelings from the message.
 - a. They hoarded their money and possession (v.3)
 - b. They exploited their workers (v.4)
 - c. They had a lack of compassion v.5)
3. When we study James 5:1-6, it raises our ire at the injustice of the rich farmers. What are some of the ways that there is injustice in today's world? Locally? What could you do about it?
4. Michael pointed out that in addition to the injustice of the rich farmers, they also had a lack of compassion.
 - a. Compassion can leak, compassion can be narrowed, compassion can be rationalized away. Which one of these most frequently happens to you?
 - b. Why do you think it's so easy to live with grace from God while ignoring giving grace to others?
 - c. How can you cultivate compassion in your life?
5. What is one practical step you will take this week in response to the message on Sunday and this discussion?
6. Share one prayer request with your group in light of your discussion. Take time to pray for each other's spiritual development this week.