



Sermon Discussion Guide

Tim Knipp-Seeing and Speaking with God's Heart

June 12, 2022

Leader Preparation

1. Take some time to look over these questions ahead of time. Choose the ones that you want to make sure you cover with your group. We have highlighted what we think are **key ideas/questions by bolding them.**
2. Pray for your group and your time together as you prepare. This is so helpful!
3. When meeting online you as the leader will need to be more directive than in person. Don't be afraid to invite everyone to answer a question, invite them to share by name, and thank them when they finish. The online format requires a little more intentional orchestrating than an in-person group.
4. Try to start the gathering by getting everyone talking at least once to begin. The Hook section is great for this. When in doubt, have people share stories about their past. (How the week was, favorite memories about the topic for the day, etc). This is a great way to help your group continue to get to know one another.
5. Next, look at the Scripture and what it means. We believe Jesus is discipling people through this Word. Get people into the Scriptures and the Scriptures into people!
6. Finally, end with what God is saying to people and how God is inviting them to respond. These aren't just ideas to know but realities to live in!



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Hook - Getting to know one another

1. What words come to mind when you think of a wealthy person? What about a poor person?
2. Can you think of a time in your life when money was tight for you? What was that experience like?
3. Do you ever feel like you've been stereotyped for having wealth? What was that experience like?

Book

1. Read James 5:1-6.
 - a. What is the tone of James in this passage? Does it sound inconsistent with your understanding of the Biblical story? Why or why not.
 - b. What is it about the "rich" that James is so upset about?
2. Read Exodus 3:7-9.
 - a. What is God's motivation to act in our world in this scenario?
3. Reread James 5:1-6 and interpret this passage in the light of Exodus 3:7-9.
 - a. What is the tone of James in this passage? Does it sound inconsistent with your understanding of the Biblical story? Why or why not.
 - b. What is it about the "rich" that James is so upset about?
 - c. Did anyone's answers change after reading the Exodus passage?

Look

1. How would you characterize common responses to injustice or sin in American Society? What about these responses align or do not align with God's response?
2. In the context of this James passage today, what does it mean to be poor in our world today? How do we show God's heart to those in each of these categories?



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Took

1. Read this passage and pray for how God might be calling you to comfort the poor and oppressed in your life. How can you show them that God sees them and cares about their suffering, condemns it, and will make it right someday?
2. Read this passage and pray for wisdom about managing your wealth. Are there any changes to your finances that God is calling you to make?

Time of Prayer