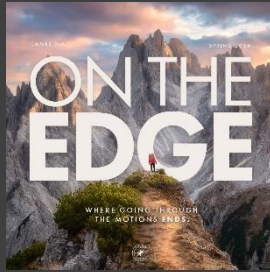


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## LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS



### ON THE EDGE

HOARD OR GIVE

James 5:1-6

Three warnings against hoarding over giving:

- 1) You value decaying treasure
- 2) You are not paying what you owe
- 3) You are living for yourself

USE THE SPACE BELOW FOR ADDITIONAL NOTES ON TODAY'S MESSAGE



## QUICK REVIEW

- 1) Looking back at your notes from Sunday's message, was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged or confused you?
- 2) Reread James 5:1-6. What is the message for those who are wealthy? What is the message for those who are not?
- 3) What is the message for those who think their happiness and satisfaction lies in having more money?

## MY STORY

- 4) Does talking about money make you uncomfortable? Does talking about money *in church* make you more uncomfortable? Why or why not?
- 5) Do you think of your money as your own to do with as you please or do you recognize it as God's money that you've been entrusted with to steward well?
- 6) Would you say that you value what God values? How can you know? How does that impact how we manage our financial resources?

## **DIGGING DEEPER**

### **Read Matthew 6:19-24**

7) Explain verse 21 in your own words. Do you ever struggle with “treasuring” material things more than you should?

8) Jesus’ words in verse 24 are pretty strong – what does he mean by saying “no one can serve two masters”? How can you be intentional about guarding against this in your own life?

### **Read 1 Timothy 6:9-19**

9) How would you compare this passage with what Jesus said in the Matthew passage above? How is this passage just as relevant to the poor as it is to the rich?

10) As a follower of Jesus, how should we regard our finances differently than people who do not know Him? As you read this passage in 1 Timothy 6, what do you find the most challenging about applying it to your life?