

Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, July 6, 2025

Scripture: James 1:9-11



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

The gospel transforms the way believers react to their current economic situation.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

1. Do you treat James' commands as optional? Which do you find most challenging to follow and why?
2. Who is the "lowly brother" that James addresses, and why would they find it difficult to boast? Can you relate?
3. What is James encouraging them to glory in, despite their poverty (verse 9)?
4. Discuss how poverty has a way of directing us to God.
5. What's been your reaction to your present circumstances?
6. What warning is James giving the wealthy brothers and sisters? What do you tend to boast in (trust in) that will one day inevitably "fade away" (Isaiah 40:6-8)?
7. How can we cultivate a heart and attitude of humility?
8. Are riches inherently evil?
9. How do you know if you're rich or poor according to this text?
10. What are some ways you can identify with the lowly brother/sister?
11. What are some ways you can identify with the rich brother/sister?
12. Are you investing in eternity in the temporal?
13. Discuss how the cross of Jesus Christ is the great "leveler of men" (AT Robertson).

GOSPEL OBSERVATIONS

- Gospel wisdom aims for the heart to transform circumstantial responses.
- The foundational truth in a Christian's life is not defined by earthly possessions but by what Christ has secured for us at the cross.
- The Christian's secure gospel eternal end is the cause for boasting in any economic status.
- The Gospel meal, Communion, is shared together as brothers and sisters equally saved by Jesus Christ. The cross of Christ saves those who are poor and needy and redeems those who are rich and powerful.