

11 -WEEK STUDY IN THE BOOK OF JAMES

WEEK 9

“Mammon”

**James 5: 1-6
Matthew 6: 19-34**

WEEKLY READING

Primary text from this week: James 5: 1-6

Secondary text from this week: Matthew 6: 19-34

Bonus Reading from this week: Matthew 7: 1-12 (Notice that Jesus places Mammon & judging others together)

GETTING STARTED

Goals for this session: To process what Jesus has to say about Mammon and worry

Missed the sermon? Watch it at www.youtube.com/venturamissionary

Break the Ice: What's a really illogical fear you have?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read **James 5: 1-6** out loud in your group. In the beginning of the sermon, Pastor Parkher said that we are all **indicted** by James' words to rich oppressors. How did that make you feel? Do you agree? Do you think there are any ways that your riches have oppressed someone?
2. In **Matthew 6:24**, Jesus says we cannot serve both God & money (Mammon). Do you agree with Jesus? In what ways have you served Mammon? When is a time where serving Mammon hurt you or a loved one?
3. In **Matthew 6: 25-34** Jesus talks a lot about worry. On a scale of 1-10, rate the level of worry that is in your life on a weekly basis. Share with the group your number and the top three things that you worry about. How does that worry (or anxiety) come out in your physical body, in your relationships, in your time management?
4. When you read **Matthew 6: 25-34**, what words, phrases, or ideas stand out to you? Based on those things, how do you think Jesus is challenging you to approach life differently? How are His words an invitation to you this week?
5. Immediately before **Matthew 6: 25-34**, Jesus was talking about money and not having "two masters"; immediately after this passage, He is going to talk about not judging others... Serving "money" and casting judgement on others can often be both a cause and effect of living an anxious life. Where is this true of you? How do Jesus' words help you seek a different way?
6. What are some practical things that the group can do when we experience worry this week?

PRAY

Pray for each other: Pray that each member of the group would give their anxious thoughts to God this week.

Pray on your own: Pray that God would reveal areas of your life that have contributed to worry.

ACTION STEPS

Go to **venturamissionary.com** and take advantage of the daily and weekly resources.

Take time to **slowly read Matthew 6:25-34 every day this week** and ask Jesus to show you how His words are an invitation out of worry.

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