

SVQ Guide Week 7
James 4:13-17, 5:1-12
Scripture, Video, Questions (SVQ)

Session 1 SVQ

- Read James 4:13-17
- Video Teaching
- Leader Wisdom
- Questions
 - **LEADERS:** There's no pressure to get through all the questions, we suggest prayerfully planning your choices for your group. Your leadership of sharing and questioning will determine how deep your group goes with each question.
 - **What are you doing with your one and only life? Are you leveraging it for eternity or wasting it on the temporary?** (As you evaluate your life and discuss your leveraged life, can you get examples of how you are not wasting your time here?)
 - **How does understanding your life is a mist or a vapor change your priorities?** (Your life on this earth is brief and uncertain. You don't know what tomorrow brings, you can't do much about it and it's over quickly. God is all knowing, all powerful, and everywhere. This should humble you and break you out of the merry go round of normality to find your God given purpose and calling.)
 - **Read James 4:15-17, Scripture says we were created for the glory of God, the advancement of the Gospel, and the relationships with Christ and His church. What does it mean to glorify God?** (John Piper says, "Glorifying God means feeling and thinking and acting in ways that reflect his greatness, that make much of God, that give evidence of the supreme greatness of all his attributes and the all-satisfying beauty of his manifold perfections." You can do that in the way you live every part of your life. See 1Corinthians 10:31.)

Session 2 SVQ

- Read James 5:1-6
- Video Teaching
- Leader Wisdom
- Questions
 - **LEADERS:** There's no pressure to get through all the questions, we suggest prayerfully planning your choices for your group. Your leadership of sharing and questioning will determine how deep your group goes with each question.
 - **In the scenario given about the person you give money to on the side of the road.... Where would you draw the line? If you would draw the line on giving?**
 - **Read James 5:1-2, Who is James writing to in these verses?** (James is warning believers. Jesus is not concerned with who is wealthy and poor but who is godly and ungodly. In Matthew 6:21, Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your

heart will be also.” How you spend your money points to what is most important to you.)

- **When was the last time you wept over how you spend your money?** (When you put your treasure in earthly things, that’s the evidence you don’t believe in Jesus and eternity. That’s the evidence you don’t truly believe that only Jesus fully and finally satisfies. Stuff becomes your savior. What if you viewed what is temporary in light of what is eternal and leveraged what will only last for a minute for what will last forever?)
- **Read James 5:3-4, Where are you stealing or defrauding someone or God?** (We like to think that we never steal, but have you ever used someone else’s Netflix password, called in sick when you weren’t, taken some office supplies home or not paid your employees what they were worth? When you steal, you’re saying you’re more important than other people. You’re acting like the enemy and you’re not trusting God to provide.)
- **Read James 5:5, What luxury resources do you use in your life?**
- **How are you using those resources to glorify God?**
- **Read James 5:6. What does this verse mean, in light of the Gospel?** (The “you” in this verse is you and me. The only “righteous one” is Jesus. The Good News is this, Jesus is perfect righteousness for you. He was condemned for your sin in your place and “He does not resist you.” He is your Lord of Hosts, Just Judge, King of Kings, Lord of Lords and Good Father.)

Session 3 SVQ

- Read James 5:7-12
- Video Teaching
- Leader Wisdom
- Questions
 - **LEADERS:** There’s no pressure to get through all the questions, we suggest prayerfully planning your choices for your group. Your leadership of sharing and questioning will determine how deep your group goes with each question.
 - **James 5:7-12, James points us to three examples of patience in hardship and suffering: the patience of the farmer, the prophets and Job. Discuss how each of these examples demonstrate patience and steadfastness in suffering.** (Be Patient, Sanctification takes time, but it requires daily attention before you reap the harvest. While being patient: Pray, sing, and confess. Don't grumble, swear, be anxious or fearful. James 5:7-8 aren't verses for you to stop trying, but to let you know that God guarantees your effort isn't in vain. Reference Philippians 1:6 & Hebrews 11:32-38)
 - **How does God model patience with us?** (God loved us while we were still sinners and sent His only son to die for us. He continually forgives us as we come to him and confess our sins.
 - **James talks about patience in suffering three times in just two verses. Where in your life is God giving you opportunities to practice patience?**