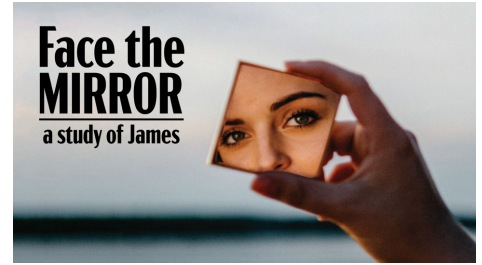


Face the Mirror

James 5:1-6 (8.15.21)

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Hoarding makes no sense when the time is short.

ICE BREAKER: What do you define wealthy? Are you “rich?” Why or why not?

Read: James 5:1

- James wrote this letter to first-century Christians. Does this verse apply to you and me? Why or why not?
- James wrote about future misery that would result from being rich. What are some of the *present* miseries people face because of their wealth?
- Why does James use such strong language as “weep and wail?”

Read: James 5:2-3

- If wealth is so temporary, why do we work so hard to acquire it?
- What is your definition of hoarding?
- Why is hoarding such a corrosive and dangerous practice?

Read: James 5:4-6 and Deuteronomy 24:14-15

- James addresses fairness and wealth inequality in these verses. Why is this issue so important to God?
- Spend the rest of your time as a group talking about ways you can use the wealth God has given you to collectively help others. Make specific plans to take action in some real, tangible way.

Prayer: Pray this week’s memory verse, Proverbs 11:4. Ask God to help you prioritize your life the way He wants.