



James, Jesus, and Justice

Main Scripture: James 5:1-6

Additional Scriptures: Luke 6:24, Luke 12:33, 1st Timothy 6:9, 1st Timothy 6:17, James 4:13-16, Deuteronomy 24:14-15, Jeremiah 9:23-24, Jeremiah 22:15-16

Discussion Questions

- **Read Jeremiah 22:15-16.** What does it mean to know God according to this passage? Do you agree? Is there more to knowing God? How much does this verse in Jeremiah play into knowing Jesus?
- How does James define religion? What does that look like in Gainesville, FL?
 - What does that look like in/with your small group?
- “The first issue of knowing God is control.” What did Pastor Mike mean by that?
- Pastor Mike showed us where certain income brackets fell on the global rich list (www.globalrichlist.com)... where do you fall?
 - Do you feel you are stewarding this well in light of the rest of the world?
- “It is one thing to sin but it is another to be complicit in another man's sin.” What areas of your life are you being complicit with other people's injustice and sin?
- Martin Luther King Jr. said "We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the words and actions of the bad people but for the appalling silence of the good people." Where is *your* silence appalling? What can you do about it?
- P. Mike gave five take aways for us to think and pray about... spend some time discussing each of these points and how you can effectively implement these principles in your life where they are not already:
 1. Start comparing yourself with the huge majority below you and not with the extremely small minority above you
 2. Pray about your standard of living and how much to store up in the light of so much need
 3. Join in on inform and inflame tactics
 4. Reconsider how you spend... (ex: No more slave chocolate. No more porn.)
 5. Seriously consider increasing your standard of giving