

Life Group Notes (23/8/15)

Read James 5:1-6; Prov. 21:20; 30:24; 1 Tim. 6:10, 17; Matthew. 6:21-23; Lev. 19:13; Deut. 24:14-15; Micah 6:8.

1. Read through James 5:1-6. How would you feel if these words were written to you/your Life Group?
2. What do you understand by John Blanchard's words: "Not all Scripture was written to us, but all Scripture was written for us"?
3. What is the difference between saving and hoarding? What is the difference between planning and presumption? Steve reduced this to essentially one word!
4. Is it wrong to be rich? (Do the Scriptures quoted above provide us with any answers?)
5. What were 'the rich' doing that caused the cries of the harvesters to reach the Lord Almighty? What might this teach us? See also Micah 6:8. In which ways should we fight against injustice today?
6. Do you think that James' words about living in luxury and self-indulgence is a 'word in season' to contemporary western society, and more specifically the western church?
7. Are we a generation that "earns to spend" (... and more specifically is this true for the younger 20/30s generation)?
8. Steve said that God has given us our wealth not just to spend it on ourselves, but to use it wisely for God's purposes in this world—that we might be generous to others and bless God's kingdom work. Thoughts?