CAC LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

James: Faith in Real Life – November 30, 2025
Big Idea: How are you at being how rich you are?

Ice Breaker: When you were growing up, what was the one thing you considered "rich people stuff"?

Key Points

Take a few minutes to review the key points from this week's sermon.

- Money is an excellent servant but a horrible master
- Both endlessly spending money you don't have and endlessly saving money you don't need are bad financial management
- A luxurious indulgent life that seems incredible to you might be destructive for you
- More wealth can come with an expectation it can't fulfill and a burden you didn't expect
- We shouldn't get money at the cost of others
- Wealth is a measure of what you can give away and not what you keep

Discussion Questions

Based on the sermon, discuss the questions below.

- What was your biggest takeaway from this week's message?
- Did anything challenge or bother you? What questions do you have?

Making It Personal

Review with your group the impact this week's sermon made on you personally.

- What is your current greatest frustration with money?
- What is something money-related you can be thankful for?
- When has money felt like your servant? When has money felt like your master? Share some examples.
- Have you ever made a purchase or financial decision that came with more emotional/relational burden than you expected?
- When you think about the future, what role does money play in your sense of security or anxiety?
- When was the last time you gave sacrificially, not just comfortably?
- How can you involve your family or kids in conversations about generosity?

Scripture Review

Revisit some of the Scripture passages from this week and discuss the questions below.

James 5:1–6: What stands out most in James' instructions to "you rich people"? What attitude does God have toward hoarding wealth? (verses 2 & 3)

Diving Deeper

Explore additional Scriptures that connect to this week's message.

- **Old Testament:** Proverbs 11:28; Proverbs 13:8; Proverbs 23:4–5; Ecclesiastes 5:10
- **New Testament:** Matthew 6:19–24; Luke 12:13–21; 1 Timothy 6:6–10,17–19; Hebrews 13:5

Application & Action
James challenges us not to measure wealth by what we accumulate but by how we steward it. Money is a tool that can build God's kingdom or quietly take God's place in our hearts.

This week, ask:

- Where am I holding money too tightly?
- Where am I relying on money to give me what only God can give?
- How can my finances become more aligned with generosity, justice, and trust in God?

Revisit the Word

- Read James 5:1–6 aloud again.

Personal Reflection

- Take 2–3 minutes of silence and ask the Holy Spirit: "Where in my financial life am I clinging, controlling, overspending, or over-saving? What would it look like to surrender this area to You, Lord?" Write down any thoughts or steps the Spirit brings to mind.

Group Discussion: Faith That Steward Well

- **Listening to Jesus:** How is Jesus inviting you to trust Him more deeply with your wealth, resources, or security?
- **Walking with Him:** How does remembering that everything you have is temporary change the way you view your possessions?
- **Anchoring in His Word**: Which verse this week reorients your perspective on wealth, security, or generosity?
- **Leaning on His People**: How can confession and accountability help you avoid unhealthy patterns with money?
- **Growing in His Likeness**: How is God shaping your character through your financial habits, pressures, or blessings?

Action Step:
Take one intentional step toward **healthy stewardship** this week. Choose *one* area of your financial life and ask: *"Am I saving wisely here, or am I holding on too tightly?"*

Pick a single action that reflects trust rather than fear. For example:

- Set aside a small, planned amount into savings for a specific purpose (not a "just in case everything collapses" fund).
- Donate, give, or share something you've been clinging to.
- Release an unnecessary stockpile—closet items, extra supplies, things you're keeping "just in case."
- Make a simple plan for one future need instead of trying to control every possible outcome.

The goal: practice one small, concrete move from *fearful hoarding* toward *purposeful, open-handed saving.*

Prayer
Close your group time together with prayer.