



**Dig Deeper @Home – “I Pledge Allegiance ...”
Complement to lesson on 05/16/21 – “To God over Luxury”**

ICE BREAKER – Questions to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered

1. Share about your favorite vacation you ever went on.
2. Would you rather go 3 years without cutting your hair or 1 year without clipping your nails?

MEMORIZE – James 3: 17-18

But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

READ James 5

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What does the Holy Spirit draw your attention to as you read this passage? What sticks out to you?
2. What general observations can you make? Anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared?
3. What can we learn about either God or the state of humanity through this passage?
4. Look up these verses and compare and contrast them with James 5: 1-6
 - a. Luke 12: 13-21
 - b. Luke 12: 32-34
 - c. Luke 12: 45-48
 - d. Matthew 6: 19-21
 - e. How do these verses give guidance to how we should spend our lives, our time and our money?
5. Look up these verses and compare and contrast them with James 5: 19-20
 - a. Luke 15: 1-7
 - b. Luke 15: 8-10
 - c. How do these verses give guidance to how we should spend our lives, our time and our money?

Experiential activity – Giving to Gain

Missionary Jim Elliott once said, “He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.” I think James would wholeheartedly agree with this statement. This week, pray for and look for opportunities to give ... your time, your resources, your wealth, your influence ... for the glory of God and the good of others. Ask God to show you what He wants you to spend your life on. If married or have children, pray with them as well and together ask God to show you what He wants you to spend your lives on together. And then as James implores us, do it. Put it into action.

SING (Suggested songs to sing. Use these, or any favorites of the gathered group, to worship Jesus!)

I Pledge Allegiance to the Lamb - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mECQOt2z7mw>

All that I Am - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1BC12jgaeEY>

Fuego - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0lo3nPOcRXg>

If ye then with Christ be Risen - (Mennonite Hymnal #564)

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson:

Go from this place and be doers of God’s word who accompany their faith with actions. May the Holy Spirit open your eyes to where, with who, and how He wants you to spend your time, resources and wealth for His glory, the advancement of His gospel and the restoration and redemption of others.