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Faith and Prosperity James 5:1-6

Authentic faith does not ground itself (nor find its identity) in prosperity. As Christ followers, our hope is not in money or wealth, but in _____.

Discussion 1. How has your perception of “wealth” or “money” changed over your adult lifetime? Do you believe more money would solve your biggest problems today? Why or why not?

Authentic faith shows itself over time by readjusting our priorities, focusing our attention less on the temporal and more on things of _____ significance. It teaches us the foolishness of accumulating wealth for the sake of wealth.

Discussion 2. How do you explain the difference between storing up treasures on earth and storing up treasures in heaven? What are some examples of each?

Authentic faith is not comfortable with prosperity that comes at the unfair expense of others. Authentic faith recognizes that all good gifts come from above and, in turn, makes us _____ ourselves.

Discussion 3. Are you more generous with your time, your talents, or your treasure? Do you have a “next step” towards being more generous in one of these areas? What is it?

A faith that is growing leaves less and less tolerance for living a life of comfort and security while so many around us are living with serious needs and struggles. Authentic faith _____ to _____ those needs.

Discussion 4. What excuses do we give ourselves (or narratives we tell ourselves) for living so comfortably while those around us are hurting? As your faith grows deeper, what happens to those excuses?

Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?