GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Poverty
James 2:1-13
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NOTES

Looking back at your notes from this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time, stuck with you, challenged or confused you?

What is the one important thing you will take away from this weekend's message or our community group discussion? Is there any challenge, difficulty or praise that you would like to share with the group for prayer?

Pastor Matt reminded us that the grace we've received from Jesus changes how we see and respond to people experiencing poverty.

MY STORY

Describe a time when someone treated you with dignity, kindness, or generosity during a season when you felt especially vulnerable.

WHAT DOES GOD WANT US TO HEAR?

Mercy triumphs over judgment (James 2:13)

How does James illustrate the difference between genuine faith and empty religious words?

What's the relationship between our showing mercy to others and God showing mercy to us?

WHAT DOES GOD WANT US TO DO?

Most of us want to be generous, but we also have legitimate responsibilities, financial limitations, and concerns about how our resources are used. How can we navigate those tensions without allowing them to become excuses for indifference?

WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO DO?

Notice someone. During the coming week, pay attention to someone you might ordinarily overlook. Look for an opportunity to acknowledge that person, learn something about his or her experience, or offer a simple expression of kindness and respect.

Practice tangible generosity. Identify one practical need you could help meet this week. Consider providing groceries, donating essential supplies, helping with transportation, or contributing to a trusted organization serving people experiencing financial hardship.

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