Group Time

ENCOURAGEMENT 1-on-1 (See page 48 for directions)

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LOOK BACK:

***Point**: Doers of the word change – themselves and others.*

- Share what you need to change to level your arrows.

Question: Be honest, what's the first thing that comes to mind when you see a beggar or homeless person?

LOOK UP: Watch this week's video on the 4G web page.

Recap: In James chapter two, we move from recognizing that we need to be doers of the faith to the where, how, and with whom we are to do our faith. We must watch closely so that we don't show favoritism based on worldly criteria. Do we minister to the well-off and wealthy, or to the poor and downcast? The answer is both. Need is not judged financially but eternally. We are all destined for an eternity in hell unless we accept Jesus as our Savior. But how can they call upon Him if no one tells them (Romans 10:14)?

What you value matters, and we must not value one group over another hoping for a likewise payback. We must value all people, whether rich or poor. Relative to an eternity in heaven versus hell, they both have everything to gain and everything to lose.

LOOK IN: Discussion

- Watch this video from the Bible Project on "Justice." Use the link on our 4G web page, search "Bible Project: Justice," or use the QR code. What touched you about this video?
- Read James 2:3-4. Do we sometimes do this subconsciously? How would you intentionally correct this? (It doesn't mean we bring the wealthy one down, but it means we need to treat both as eternally equal in value – the rich one can't bring it with him.

LOOK FORWARD: Application

***Point**: What you value matters. Value faith!*

Value People – Not What People Have

Jesus is in Jerusalem, it's just a few days to the Passover, and His crucifixion. He has just finished teaching about the last days – the end of the age when He will return.

Read Matthew 25.

In verses 1-13, Jesus instructs us to <u>always</u> be ready. In verses 14-30, He tells us that being ready is <u>doing well</u> with what He gives us to do. And in verses 31-46, He defines <u>what</u> He wants us to do.

How are you doing? What do you need to stop and/or start doing? What's the plan?

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