

**Weekend Recap - Discussion Guide**  
*James: Living a Genuine Life - Week 3*  
August 25-28

**Title:** Everyone Else's Biggest Problem

**Big Idea:** Money destroys us when it changes our focus from the eternal to the temporary.

**Optional Ice Breaker:** Looking back on your life, what are some of the craziest things you've spent money on? What are some of the best things you've spent money on?

**Discuss**

1. What is your perspective on money and money's role in your life?
2. We often – and maybe too often - talk about the “hazards” of being poor. What are the “hazards” or being rich? For reference read Matthew 19:24.
3. A lot of our habits and philosophy about money come from our family of origin. What are some that you still hold on to today? Are they good or bad? How can you change this habit or philosophy?
  - a. Some examples:
  - b. In my house money was never to be discussed.
  - c. A conversation about money means there is a fight coming.
  - d. I was taught strict principles about money.
  - e. I was taught that being in debt was a part of life.
4. Pastor Cal mentioned that one of the ways that he and Lisa keep perspective is by insuring that in their budget each month that giving is their biggest line item. What are ways that you can keep money from stealing your focus from what is truly important?

**For Students:** How would you describe your family's view and handling of money? What would you do that is the same and/or different?

**Challenge:** Choose one thing you can start doing this week to help change your perspective on money. Share the change you are making with at least one other person to hold yourself accountable to continue this change.

**Scriptures**

1. Philippians 4:19 And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.
2. Matthew 19:24 Again I tell you; it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.
3. 1 Timothy 6:10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.
4. Ecclesiastes 5:10 Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless.
5. Proverbs 13:11 Dishonest money dwindles away, but whoever gathers money little by little makes it grow.

## **Prayer**

- Ask God to reveal where and how money might be stealing your perspective and keeping you from having an eternal perspective on money.

## **Additional Resource:**

We have volunteers at each campus that are dedicated to helping you gain a God-honoring perspective on money and get organized in your finances. For more information and to see what classes are available please visit [www.centralaz.com/enrich](http://www.centralaz.com/enrich) or email [enrich@centralaz.com](mailto:enrich@centralaz.com)