



## Rich is poor and poor is rich: James 1.9-11

1. **Half the population of the globe lives on less than 2 dollars a day. (Some sources claim that it is just 1 dollar a day)** How do you respond to a statistic like that? Start with naming emotions. Then ideas and thoughts. **OR** How do you respond to the idea of people getting a divorce over the size of a walk-in closet? What thoughts come to mind?

2. **The poor are forced by their circumstances to trust God.** How does this affect your view of the poor? If you have been in a state of real material need, did it affect your spiritual life? How?

3. **The poor are seen as possessors of the kingdom.** How does this alter your view of what the kingdom of God involves?

4. **William Wilberforce: *How can we live in houses like this when others are living in boxes?*** What do you think of this response? How do you respond to the needy in your society? **OR** ***But the one thing we do have in common is that one day we must all give an account for our treatment of the poor.*** What kind of accounting do you think this will involve? **OR** ***There is no happy future for the rich.*** Do you agree?

5. **Wealth is not a cause for guilt.** BUT **We cannot serve both God and Mammon.** How do you respond to the passage? What does it mean to say that money wants our devotion?