

Christ Community Church

Community Group Discussion Guide for Week of March 1, 2026

Announcements

- 1. Community Group:** Any specific announcements or things to discuss pertaining to your community group?
- 2. Upcoming Christ Community Gatherings:** MAC Sunday on 3/8 (Lunch After Church at Mac's Pizza Pub in Blue Ash) – Men's Meetup at March 1st on 3/12 from 7:30 to 9:00 PM – Women's Meetup at Park Pour in Blue Ash on 3/26 from 7:30 to 9:00 PM
- 3. The Gospel Coalition's 2026 Women's Conference:** Join the women of Christ Community Church for TCG's Women's Conference in Indy from June 11 to 13 for a time of worship, teaching, and connection. For registration and more information, visit www.christcincy.org/events.

Opening Question

Are you more of a detailed planner or a go-with-the-flow person? Why?

James 4:13-5:6

Leader's Note: Open with a brief prayer, asking God to make the group receptive to His Word. Then invite someone to read the passage aloud. (For longer sections, consider dividing the reading among several people.)

[4:13] Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"—[14] yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. [15] Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." [16] As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. [17] So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

[5:1] Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. [2] Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. [3] Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. [4] Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. [5] You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a

day of slaughter. [6] You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

Discussion Questions

1. In James 4:13–16, James doesn't condemn planning itself but exposes something deeper. What stands out to you in how these future plans are described?
⇒ *Potential Follow-Up Question(s): Where in your life are you most tempted to plan as if outcomes depend primarily on you? What might humble, God-dependent planning actually look like in your daily life?*
2. In James 4:17, we read, "So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin." How do you understand this statement, and how does it shape your view of stewardship before God?
⇒ *Potential Follow-Up Question(s): If someone came to you for advice and admitted they knew what faithfulness required but were delaying obedience, how would you respond to them? What questions might you ask to help them move from awareness to action?*
3. In James 5:1–3, James gives a strong warning to the rich who have "laid up treasure in the last days." If he were writing to us today, where might he confront our tendency to hold tightly to what we have rather than steward it for God's purposes?
⇒ *Potential Follow-Up Question(s): What might it look like to treat our resources as entrusted gifts rather than owned possessions?*
4. In James 5:4–6, James gives another strong warning—this time to those who misuse power. Where has God given you influence, and what would it look like to steward that influence in a way that reflects God's heart?
⇒ *Potential Follow-Up Question(s): What fears, insecurities, or obstacles tend to hold you back from using your influence in ways that reflect God's heart?*
5. Looking at the passage as a whole, James addresses how we steward our plans, our possessions, and our power. How does remembering that "every good and perfect gift is from above" (James 1:17) reshape our anxiety about the future, our grip on our resources, and our use of influence?
⇒ *Potential Follow-Up Question(s): What is one area where you sense God inviting you to loosen your grip and trust Him more?*

Prayer

Leader's Note: Wrap up your time by moving into prayer. Begin by inviting group members to share any requests, especially in light of the categories listed below. When someone shares, ask if another person would be willing to pray for that request. Then open the group prayer time by asking someone to start and encourage others to pray as

they feel led. When it seems like the time is drawing to a close, finish by thanking God for His Word and for the time you've had together.

- **Word – Praying in Response to God's Word**
What truths or applications stood out from our discussion, and how can we pray for one another in light of what God has shown us through His Word?
- **Heart – Praying for “Heart-Level” Concerns**
Because real change begins in the heart, how can we pray for one another where trusting God feels hard or where walking closely with Him is a struggle?
- **Life – Praying for Personal Requests**
What personal needs, burdens, or situations would you like prayer for this week?
- **Church – Praying for Our Church and Its Mission**
What are some things happening in our church and through our church that we can be praying for together?
- **World – Praying for People You're Minister To and Those in Need**
Who in your life doesn't yet know Jesus, and how can we pray for them—and for your opportunities to love and share the gospel with them? Who in your life needs prayer, encouragement, or care, and how can we lift them up together this week?