

James: Faith in Action
Boasting About Tomorrow
James 4:13-17

TALK IT OVER

Passages

“3 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.”— James 4:13-17(ESV)

Start Talking: Find an announcement or mission for your group. (15 Min)

- April 6-7: Attend Holy Week Services as a Life Group
- April 9: Invite some friends or neighbors to Easter Services
- Was there any one thing that you most agreed with or disagreed with from last week’s message? What was it and why?

Head: Start Thinking about the Text. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)

- The sermon text was James 4:13-17 and can be found on the left-hand side. To keep the study fresh please read Psalm 102:1-13 in your Bible for your life group’s main text.
- How does this psalm express time is short? What are we compared to eternity?
- What is the Psalmist calling out for in the text? What is his hope?

Heart: Start Sharing how the Text is shaping our beliefs. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)

- Have you ever had been made very aware of your mortality before? What happened that it reminded you that life here is short?
- Why is it that we think we have control over such things?

Hands: Start living the Text. Commit to believing or obeying the text this week. (10 Min)

- How can you live your life differently, knowing that its God’s timing that is in control?
- When you have a hard time giving up control? Pray to God to help you to trust Him.

Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)

- For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. Pick a question. (15 Min)

1. Who is one non-believer or someone without a church home that you need to reach out to this week?
2. What kind of conversations are you having with people you are reaching out to?
3. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
4. What’s a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
5. What’s something you’d like someone else to check in with you about this week?
6. Pray for one another.

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