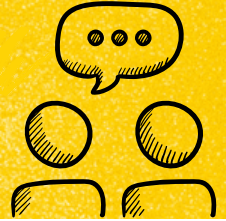




the book of James

Week 9

James 4:13-17



Key Verse

James 4.14 | 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.

Application Questions

- If you knew you only had one week left to live, what would you do?
- What are some future plans you have? How do those fit into God's plans for you?
- How do we balance making future plans with the uncertainty of future and the will of God?
- Is there something that God has been nudging you to do but you haven't? Or something that God has been nudging you to stop doing, but you have continued to? Why? How can you get to the point of obeying?

Potential Discussion Questions

- 13 | Is it wrong to make future plans? Is it wrong to invest in retirement? Then how do we handle this passage?
- Compare to Hebrews 11:13-16
- 14 | How do we keep from thinking that death is long way off?
- 15 | Does God determine when we die or does free will play a role?
- 16 | How would you define arrogance? How is making future plans a type of arrogance?
- 17 | What does this verse mean? How would you phrase it in your own words?
- 17 | Why is this verse here? Does it seem like it should be in the next section about the "rich"?

Life Questions

- Anything we can pray for this week?
- Anyone hurting around you that we can pray for or love this week?

reminder of purpose

The goal of studying Scripture is not simply to gain information, but rather:

- To get to Jesus (Jn 5.39-40)
- To obey it (James 1.22)
- To be transformed (Heb 4.12; 2 Tim 3.16-17)