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GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

happenings

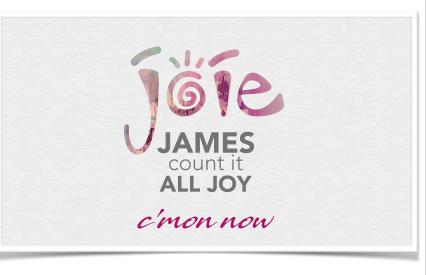
Families with young children: We would love to see you on Sundays. Kids are welcome to be with us in the worship service, and we will make the classrooms available for families to utilize if desired.

Ladies, mark your calendars Clean out your closet and bring your new, or nearly new women's (only) clothes to Grace's Pavilion on Aug 1 from 9 to 11 am . Then shop from the things brought by the other women. Contact Kim Dong at konakim@gmail.com for more information.

Would you like to be a part of TEAMSUNDAY?

We need volunteers to join Team Sunday. The Team will be responsible to prepare the pavilion for Sunday worship. Please see Julie Lucas or inquire at the Church office if you are able to serve in this way.

Men's Breakfast: Come join us for breakfast on Aug 8 at 8 am. Bring your own breakfast if you want more than donuts.



SERMON NOTES

Andrew Severinsen - James 4:13-5:6

Broader Context: Determine that you will avoid the world's way of responding to difficulties.

Big Idea: James challenges us to not arrogantly assume that by becoming rich we will insulate ourselves from trials and difficulties.

- •Come now, you who say... (4:13-17)
- James' point:
- •Come now, you rich... (5:1-6)
- James' point:

GRACE GROUP discussion questions - James 4:13-5:6

Spend some time catching up and talking story. Spend some time in the text - Read James 4:13-5:6.

James 4:13-5:6 — What is James' encouragement to us?

- 1. Why would James have decided to address the brevity of life with this audience? What did Jesus have to say about our lives?
- 2. Where else do we read about boasting in scripture?
- 3. What kind of planning or boasting would have been considered normal in the culture at this time? How do these instructions fit in that context?
- 4. Why does James link sins of omission with boasting about the future?
- 5. What are your thoughts, feelings, reaction as you read James 5:1-6? Why does Scripture talk so much about money and possessions?

James 4:13-5:6— How does it apply to our lives today?

- 1. When have you made plans that haven't come out like you expected?
- 2. How could these verses help us in the current state of our world in 2020?
- 3. How do you know what the right thing to do is? What helps you do it? What gets in the way?
- How do I balance this passage with the wisdom of saving for retirement and even saving more than I need so that I can pass down an inheritance? (See Proverbs 13:22; 1 Timothy 5:8)

Spend some time sharing and praying together.