



Time: James 4:13-17

Adam Brown, December 30, 2018

Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Transition to a time of prayer before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

You have about 60 minutes to discuss this week's lesson. Move fairly quickly through "observation" and "reflection" so that you have enough time for "discussion" and "surrender."

Scripture Reading

Have someone read the passage for this week's study, slowly enough for everyone to enjoy. Re-read the passage as you move through and discuss the questions.

James 4:13-17

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.

Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

1. What do we know, for sure, about what tomorrow will bring?
2. What does this passage tell us about boasting?
3. What sin does this passage identify?

Reflection: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

4. Name specific things that are "time stealers" in our culture?
5. What does our culture teach us about "future planning"?

Discussion: *Talking together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.*

6. Is it possible to have a healthy balance of "future planning" and surrender to God's will? Discuss.
7. What in your life might need a specific change for you to press into faithful investment of time? Share.

Surrender: *Responding to God's voice.*

8. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

We're here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your small group!

Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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