

James - Living whole in a fractured world

Whole people trust God for tomorrow

James 4:13-15

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The following questions are intended to use in discussion and application of the past week's sermon.

Listening

What part of the sermon was most helpful to you or challenged you to think and/or live differently? How will you apply this message to your life?

Engaging

Discuss – Are you more of a planner or do you take more of an unstructured approach? What are some of the pros and cons of each?

Have someone read Romans 8:18-25. With different terms (to a different audience), Paul reflects on 'living beyond the mist' in hope and patience. What is it that we are waiting for since our salvation has already been secured in Jesus's death and resurrection (hint: Acts 1:11)?

Applying

We may wish the Bible was primarily a theological reference book, where we can learn exactly what God desires from our lives (what plans to have, how much to give, how often to serve, what standard of life to live). But the wisdom that James gives us is to constantly defer to God with every new question, priority, and relationship. What ways can you defer to God in new and practical ways with your life?

Have someone read all of Psalm 90. For Moses, 'living beyond the mist' is a purposeful and active life that regularly submits to the Lord for guidance and direction. In what ways can we give time and intentionality to the Lord in guiding our daily planning, financial planning, family planning, business planning (and so on)?

Praying

In light of this message and discussion:

How can we pray for each other?
Where do you feel challenged or convicted?
What can we praise God for?
How can we pray for our church?



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