

# JAMES

## FAITH WORKS

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Discussion Guide | March 24, 2019

James 4:13-17

#### Questions for Study and Discussion

\*\* Before you begin, please read James 4:13-17 as a group.

God In The Everyday

1. As a group, compare calendars at a high level. Who has events planned furthest out? Who's the "biggest planner" in the group?
2. What value does planning have? Work together as a group to identify any passages of Scripture and / or biblical truth that teaches the value planning can have.
3. Read James 4:13-14. What's wrong with how this group James is writing to is approaching planning?
4. In what ways do these problems (see question above) indicate that this group is ignoring or neglecting the presence of God in their everyday lives?
5. How does the reality of sin inside of us and our culture around us make it difficult for you to remember the reality and presence of God in your everyday life? (Get specific!)
6. What solution(s) to this problem does James give us in verse 15? Explain what this means.
7. How might factoring God into our everyday lives influence plans and decisions you make?
8. What practical steps can you take to cultivate and maintain an awareness of God (who He is, and what He's doing) in your everyday life? What can you do to cultivate this awareness with your family, or group of close Christian friends?
9. Are there specific decisions you're facing right now or plans you're making, that you've neglected to think about in light of God's reality and presence in your everyday life? Share this with the group. What will it look like for you to depend on God in this decision?
10. What specific steps of obedience can you take this coming week, to apply what you've learned in James 4:13-17?

**Challenge:** Memorize Proverbs 16:19:

"In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps."