

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION FROM JAMES 4:13-17

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### OPEN IT

*Feel free to pick just one of these questions. ☺*

- If you had 3 months to live, what are some things you would want to do?
- When have you been on a trip and had to change your plans drastically?
- If you could start your own business, what would it be?

### EXPLORE IT

*Feel free to pick and choose questions from this section, as you see fit. ☺*

#### 4:13

- What are areas of our lives that we plan as though we controlled them? What is wrong with planning out our lives?
- Is there anything wrong with tradesmen wanting to move to a more profitable city? What responsibility does God want us to take in planning?
- What happens when we plan without setting dates? What, if anything, would you say was wrong with the tradesmen setting a departure date?
- What would relocating do to the tradesmen's involvement in their current church? Does God care where we minister as long as we do it somewhere?

#### 4:14-15

- What about themselves did the tradesmen fail to take into account?
- Name Scripture that would support the concept of praying when planning.
- What are some dangers of making plans without consulting God?
- Why is asking God to bless our plans not the same as involving God in our planning process? What role should God play in making plans for our lives?
- When, besides at a funeral, do you think about your mortality? How does the reality of your mortality help you to seize each new day for Christ? How can you plan for the future with humility and faith?

#### 4:16-17

- How much does it matter to God if we rejoice and boast in our plans, failing to consider His will or our mortality?
- We can accept that actively doing wrong is sin, but certainly God would have a milder response if we merely failed to do good, wouldn't He?
- How can you determine in your daily life what is sinful and what is pleasing to God?

### APPLY IT

*Feel free to take these questions home and ponder them. ☺*

- What is the best use of my life? What would I like to accomplish?
- What plans do I need to present to God in prayer this week?
- What can I do this week to place plans for the future in God's hands?
- In what part of my life do I need to do the good I know I ought to do?