

Lesson for Midday and Evening Becoming Sessions

Topic: Boasting About Tomorrow

Text: James 4:13-17

Lesson Central Idea

Planning Without God Is **One** Way—But Planning With God Is The **Best** Way

OPEN IT

- To where in the world would you like to travel?
- If you could start your own business, what would it be?
- If you knew you had just three months to live, what are some things you would want to do?

EXPLORE IT

- Whose attention did James want to secure? (4:13)
- What warning did James give to those who wanted to be in control? (4:13-14)
- What could happen to destroy even the best laid plans? (4:14)
- What did James compare to our lives? (4:14)
- What is the best way to plan? (4:15)
- What should we say when we are making plans? (4:15)
- What outlook toward the future does God want us to change? (4:16)
- What sinful attitudes often accompany the act of making plans? (4:16)
- How did James define sin? (4:17)
- How do we sin? (4:17)

GET IT

- What's wrong with planning out our lives?
- What responsibility does God want us to take in planning our lives?
- What is the best use we can make of our lives?
- How can we make business or living plans that please God?
- Given how long you think you could live, how can you plan for the future with humility and faith?
- What would you like to accomplish before you die?
- What accomplishment from your life do you want to present to God?
- How can you determine in your daily life what is sinful and pleasing to God?

APPLY IT

- What aspects of your life plans must you present to God in prayer this week?
- What can you do this week to place your plans for the future in God's hands?
- What part of your job or occupation do you need to do the good you know you should do this week?

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