



**Life Group Discussion Guide
Faith in Practice**

How does faith work in your planning? - James 4:13-17

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Main thought:

Boasting in our plans for personal gain is not how a growing faith is practiced. Instead, a growing faith submits to God's will in our planning and courageously does what is most honoring and pleasing to Him.

Notes

How do you approach planning?

1. The plan never works, so **stop** planning. (**pivot**)
2. The plan needs to work, so **stick** to the plan. (**process**)
 - Life's greatest **pivot** – give your life to Jesus
 - Life's greatest **process** – grow through a process of discipleship

How does faith work in your planning?

- The **boastful** claim (v.13)
- The **bottom** line (v.14)
 - You have a finite **view** of life.
 - You have a finite **span** of life.
- The **better** way (v.15)
- The **brutal** facts (vv. 16-17)
 - There are sins of **commission** and sins of **omission**.

How can we find God's will when planning?

1. Scripture
2. Prayer
3. Wise Counsel
4. Holy Spirit

Application

1. Live **urgently** and **intentionally**.
2. Live **humbly** and **courageously**.

Ice-Breaker

- Share a something or someone you've been encouraged by recently.



Verse of the week

- What is a verse or truth from God's word that has stood out to you this week from your personal Bible reading?

Digging In

Read James 4:13-17, and discuss the following questions.

- What stood out to you from this passage?
- What kind of a planner are you? Do you pivot or process?
- Is it ok to make plans? When does it not become a good thing?
- Why does James challenge boastful plans according to verse 14?
- What does James say about our plans as Christians? (v. 15)
- How can we find God's will?

Application

- What is a specific way you can apply this passage in your life this week?

Praying as a group

- How can we be praying for each other this week?