



A GOSPEL COMMUNITY ON MISSION

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TEXT: James 4:13-17

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Questions

In these verses, James addresses two different mindsets with which we can live. One believes we are invincible and in control of our own lives (V13), the other understands that the Lord is in control and that our days are ultimately in His hands.

- It has been said that the words in verse 13 represent the mindset of a functional atheist. What does this mean? What is the difference between being a wise planner and being arrogant in planning?
- In verse 14, James confronts arrogant thinking by comparing life to a vapor that is here one moment and gone the next. How has the COVID 19 pandemic confronted your perspective on life and your confidence in making plans?
- The current circumstances have caused a great deal of frustration and fear for many. Which emotion have you experienced more? What do you think is the root of these emotions?
- **READ Psalm 103:15-17.** How can the reality that God's steadfast love is on us and that He is sovereign over every season of life help us during this time of uncertainty?
- How does James 4:17 change the way we typically think about sin?
- If we truly believe that our lives are but a vapor and that ultimately the Lord is in control of the present and the future, then how will it practically change the way we live?

Prayer Take a few minutes to pray for our church, community, and world. Repent of any attitude or actions that you have discovered are not pleasing to the Lord. Ask the Lord to bring healing to our land.

Kids Activity Grab a bottle of spray and create a mist in the room. Share how this mist is like our lives in comparison to God and eternity. Share with them that this is why it is important for us to make the most of trusting in and living for God each day. Ask them to share with you some ways we can do this.