



DG Lesson

JAMES 4:13-17



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QUICK INTRO

In the book of James, we've learned that trials help our faith grow and that real faith shows itself in our actions.

Today in James 4:13-17, we learn that we shouldn't just make our own plans—we should invite God into them and obey what He tells us to do.

INSTRUCTIONS



Open your Bible with your group and please read

JAMES 4:13-17.

1 IS IT EVIL TO MAKE PLANS FOR YOUR LIFE WITHOUT JESUS?

YES!

We should remember that God is in control and our lives are short—like fog. They are here for a little while and then they're gone. So we should plan with a humble heart, and only do the things on earth that the Lord wants us to do.

DISCUSSION QUESTION

The book of James is telling us, when we make plans without Jesus, it's evil. Why do you think he says that?



2 WHAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH MAKING YOUR OWN PLANS?

Making plans without Jesus means choosing our way instead of His way.

When we don't ask Jesus about our plans, we're forgetting that He knows best.



DISCUSSION QUESTION

How can you say you love Jesus if your plans never include Him?

3 JAMES 4:17 REMINDS US...

It's not enough to know that God should lead your life. You must actually live that way. If you know you should trust God, obey Him, and include Him in your plans, but you choose not to, that is **sin**.

DISCUSSION QUESTION

How do we stay humble and include Jesus in our plans?



INVITE GOD.



PRAY.



GET QUIET AND LISTEN.



TRUST HIM.