



A STUDY OF JAMES

HOW FAITH WORKS IN PLANNING

How Faith Works-Part 8: *How Faith Works in Planning*

James 4:1 1-5:6

Tips for using this discussion guide.

Purpose

The primary purpose of this discussion guide is to reinforce and deepen the lessons of a Grace Church sermon series.

Tips

- ▶ **Set the Tone:** Help create a relaxed, welcoming, expectant environment for God by greeting and learning about each other.
- ▶ **Pray:** Pray at the beginning of each meeting as well as between meetings.
- ▶ **Balance the Communication Flow:** As a group leader or a member, give opportunities for each person to engage in the discussion, instead of dominating the conversation.
- ▶ **Select the Questions:** It is not necessary to discuss all the questions or to discuss them in order. You may begin with the question that you believe will generate the most meaningful discussion for your group.
- ▶ **Say, "I Don't Know":** The group leader does not need to have all the answers. Saying "I don't know" is an acceptable answer in small group meetings.

Discussion Questions

1. Read James 4:11-12, Matthew 7:1-5, Romans 2:1, and Romans 14:8-10. What do these Scriptures teach us about the dangers of judging others?
2. Read James 4:13-17, Proverbs 27:1, and 1John 2:15-17. In what way is boasting about your plans a problem?
3. Read James 5:1-6.
 - Read Colossians 4:1. How can remembering this verse help you be a better parent, leader, or supervisor?
 - Read Proverbs 11:4, Matthew 6:24-25, and 1Timothy 6:9-10. In what ways can a focus on material possessions be dangerous?
 - Read Matthew 6:19-20. How can you lay up treasures in heaven?