

## Session # 7: James 4:13-17

### Small Group Questions

1. Do you recognize any common sense or worldly wisdom in this passage? Things that people outside the Christian faith would have no problem agreeing with? Talk about that.
2. Talk about a time or two in your life when you realized that your life was a mist. How did those experiences make you feel?
3. What is the point of the song “100 Years to Live,” sung during the offertory (see lyrics below)? How might that song be used as a bridge to the Gospel?
4. Do you have a tendency to make plans before seeking God’s will? Can you think of a specific instance, or pattern, of doing so? Why is it so easy for us to write God out of the equation of our future?
5. James says that if we make plans without seeking God’s will we “boast and brag.” What does he mean by that? Is that fair?
6. James concludes, “Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn’t do it, sins.” What does James mean by that? What is the “good [we] ought to do”? (see James 3:13, 17-18)
7. Bryan Chapell wrote a book called Praying Backwards: Transform Your Prayer Life by Beginning in Jesus’ Name. The title suggests something relevant to this passage. What would change if we began, rather than ended, our prayers, “in Jesus’ Name”?
8. Talk about some ways in which our culture denies aging, death and mortality. Why do you think it’s important to be reminded of your mortality, and the idea that your life is a mist? What practical difference can that reminder make in your life, and in your relationships with God and others?
9. Are there any other lingering questions, doubts or insights you have about this passage of Scripture?

### Close in Prayer together.

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#### 100 Years

##### *Five for Fighting*

I'm 15 for a moment / Caught in between 10 and 20 / And I'm just dreaming / Counting the ways to where you are

I'm 22 for a moment / And I feel better than ever / And I'm on fire / Making my way back from Mars

15 there's still time for you / Time to buy and time to lose

15, there's never a wish better than this / When you only got 100 years to live

I'm 33 for a moment / Still the man, but you see I'm a they / A kid on the way / A family on my mind

I'm 45 for a moment / The sea is high / And I'm heading into a crisis / Chasing the years of my life

15 there's still time for you / Time to buy, Time to lose yourself / Within a morning star / 15 I'm all right with you

15, there's never a wish better than this / When you only got 100 years to live

Half time goes by / Suddenly you're wise / Another blink of an eye / 67 is gone

The sun is getting high / We're moving on...

I'm 99 for a moment / Dying for just another moment / And I'm just dreaming / Counting the ways to where you are

15 there's still time for you / 22 I feel it too / 33 you're on your way / Every day's a new day...

15 there's still time for you / Time to buy and time to choose

Hey 15, there's never a wish better than this / When you only got 100 years to live