

Living the Way: A study of the book of James
March 8, 2026 Discussion Guide
Scripture reading: James 4:13-17; Romans 12:2

CHECK UP:

*Memory work: "Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us?" James 4:5

* What did you do this past week to draw near to God?

OPEN:

- What was a highlight in your week this past week? What was a particular challenge you had?
- If you knew you had just three months to live, what are some things you would want to do?

READ and DISCUSS: James 4:13-17; Romans 12:2

- What warning did James give to those who make plans for the future?
- To what did James compare our lives?
- What is the best way to plan ahead?
- How do we come to know the will of God? (especially note Romans 12:2)
- What sinful attitudes often accompany the act of making plans?
- What responsibility does God want us to take in planning our lives?
- What is the best use we can make of our lives?

APPLY:

- What can you do this week to place your plans for the future in God's hands?

NEXT STEP:

- In what part of your job, occupation, or life do you need to do the good you know you ought to do this week?

Memory Work:

“If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn’t do it, it is sin for them.” James 4:17

Next Week’s Reading:

James 5:1-6