



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

James - Week 12: Don't Waste Your Life
August 24 - 27, 2023

LEADER NOTES: **Fall trimester:** 8/28-12/10 **New Leader Trainings:** 12/10 in person and 12/18 on Zoom.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Prayer and Fasting Through September 6: In preparation for Saturated, prayer and fasting helps us let go of the things of the world and grab hold of the things of Jesus. If you're medically able, join us in fasting weekly for 24 hours from sun-down on Tuesdays until sun-down on Wednesdays. Every Wednesday leading up to Saturated, our campuses will be open from 7-8am and 12-1pm to create space for you to draw near to the Lord.

THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN: coe22.com/readingplan

Share Wins, Praises and Prayers: Where did you see God move this week?

The Point: What are you doing with your one and only life? Are you leveraging it for eternity or wasting it on the temporary?

SERMON TEXT: *James 4:13-17; Matthew 25:14-30; 28:16-20; John 3:8*

Discussion Questions

LEADERS: There is no pressure to get through all the questions; we suggest prayerfully planning your choices for your group. Your leadership of sharing and questioning will determine how deep your group goes with each question.

- **What stood out to you in the sermon this week?**
- **What did God reveal to you in the scriptures (*James 4:13-17*) this week, maybe for the first time?**
- **Read *James 4:13-14*. What is your life? What is your reason for existence?** (*You exist primarily for the Glory of God. One of the ways we do that is to play our role in the Great Commission (see Matthew 28:16-20). How has God placed you in this world so you can share the Gospel with others to the Glory of God? Are you missing out on what God has for you? If you continue to live your life your way, what eternal impact will you have?*)
- **Discover:** Choose one of the following questions to answer based on the season of life you're in:
 - 1) If you're in your 20s-30s, what dreams and plans do you have for your future?
 - 2) If you're middle-aged, how do you think you've lived thus far? What dreams and plans do you have for your future?
 - 3) If you're nearing retirement and beyond, how do you think you've lived your life? How do you hope to finish?**Deepen:** How does understanding your life is a mist or a vapor change your priorities? (*Your life on this earth is brief and uncertain. You don't know what tomorrow brings, you can't do much about it and it's over quickly. God is all knowing, all powerful, and everywhere. This should humble you and break you out of the merry go round of normality to find your God given purpose and calling.*)
- **Read *James 4:15-17*.**
Discover: Scripture says we were created for the glory of God, the advancement of the Gospel, and the relationships with Christ and His church. What does it mean to glorify God? (*John Piper says, "Glorifying God means feeling and thinking and acting in ways that reflect his greatness, that make much of God, that give evidence of the supreme greatness of all his attributes and the all-satisfying beauty of his manifold perfections." You can do that in the way you live every part of your life. See 1Corinthians 10:31.*)
Deepen: How are you leveraging your life for eternity and how are you wasting it on the temporary? (*A Scottish proverb says, "For every mile of road, there are two miles of ditch." One ditch you can fall in is feeling condemnation from your past, believing that you're unfit for use. But God used "unfit" people for His glory throughout the Bible. The other ditch is focusing too much on the future and thinking you will "arrive" one day and only then will your life be all that God has for you. But God is "I Am." He is not "I was" and "I will be." You are called to do what God is calling you to do today. Pray, guess and go, trusting that God will equip you.*)
- **Discover:** What would you do for the glory of God if you knew it wouldn't fail?
Deepen: What can you do to start doing that today? (*See the action step to discern and follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.*)

ACTION STEP

A Disciple...Loves All People, Discovers Identity in Jesus, Deepens Relationship with Jesus.

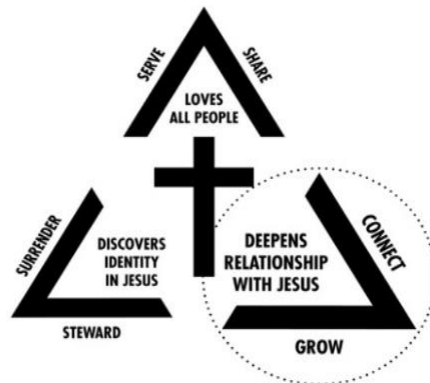
Six questions for gospel-centered discernment. Memorize and ask these six questions to discern and follow the leading of the Holy Spirit in your life.

- G - God's glory: Will this decision primarily be about my glory or God's glory?
- O - Other Christians: What do other gospel-saturated, Christ-centered, wise friends say about this upcoming decision?
- S - Scripture: Does the Bible command, permit, or prohibit this decision? What does inerrant, infallible Scripture say?
- P - Prayer: Have you abided with, rested in, asked from, listened to and waited on God in this decision over time?
- E - Evangelism: Will this decision give me the opportunity to share the gospel and invite people to faith in Jesus?
- L - Lifestyle: Will this decision lead me to live a lifestyle of love marked by the Fruit of the Spirit and holiness?

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