

The Book

of James

LEADER CONVERSATION GUIDE—WEEK EIGHT

MAIN IDEA

In James 4:13-5:11, we see the importance of having an “eternal attitude.” Focusing our eyes on eternity helps us live with urgency, passion, and purpose as we grow in our understanding of what really matters in our lives on earth. An eternal perspective will fuel us through anything we face in this life, knowing nothing can stop us from getting to our ultimate destination!

MAKE IT PRACTICAL

- We need to recognize that our time is short. If we live every day with this in mind, we will spend the time we have doing what matters most.
- We need to understand that our purpose is God’s plan, not our own plan. Fulfilling His plan for our lives is the best possible way we can live.
- We need to acknowledge that our possessions are not our own. We are blessed to be a blessing to others.
- We need to remember that our trials are temporary. We can endure, because eternity is coming!

**“YOU TOO, BE PATIENT AND STAND FIRM,
BECAUSE THE LORD’S COMING IS NEAR.”**

JAMES 5:8

TALK ABOUT IT

1. What would you do differently if you only had 30 days to live? How does recognizing that your time on earth is short help you prioritize your life?
2. Discuss the difference between living to fulfill God’s plan vs. living to fulfill our own plan. Do you know your God-given purpose? If so, what are you doing to live it out?
3. What are some barriers that might keep you from living generously? How can you be a blessing to others with your blessings?
4. Pastor Mark said 2020 has been a “study guide” for eternal attitude, revealing areas in which each of us struggle to maintain that perspective. In what area do you need to invite God’s power to do a work in your life?

“LIVE AS THOUGH CHRIST DIED YESTERDAY, ROSE TODAY, AND IS RETURNING TOMORROW.”

MARTIN LUTHER

PRAYER

Jesus, we invite You to do a work in our lives. Empower us to live with an eternal attitude and make the most of the time You have given us. Help us fulfill Your purpose for our lives and be a blessing to others!

LEADER TIPS

- Do something fun with your group in addition to your normal group meeting this week. You could grab dinner together before First Wednesday or plan a game night for another night. Consider asking someone in your group who shows leadership potential to organize this gathering.
- Talk to your Coach about some of the things God has done in your life or in your participants' lives so far this semester. They want to celebrate with you!