

CONVERSATION STARTER

What are the top three things on your bucket list? Do you have plans for checking them off the list?

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NOTE: This would be a good time to reflect on how group members are doing in their memorization of James 1 if you've accepted the challenge together.

Read James 1:9-11

1. James speaks of two groups: the lowly and the rich. Why does James address both together rather than focusing on just one?
2. How does James's imagery of grass and flowers shape how we should hear this warning?
3. Where are you most tempted to forget that "the Word of our God stands forever"?
4. When you think about your daily decisions (time, money, energy), what do they suggest you believe about how long life lasts?
5. What loss, real or imagined, would most destabilize your sense of identity right now?
6. Similarly, what success, if taken away, would make you feel like God is withholding something from you?

Read Philippians 2:6-8; 2 Corinthians 8:9.

7. Why is it important that Jesus did not merely teach humility, but entered into it fully?
8. What is one step you can take this week to live with eternity in view?

9. What else stood out to you in the passage or in Pastor Josh's sermon? Do you now have more questions? Any encouragement to share? Anything you can bless the group with?

NOTES

GROUP PRAYER

Thank Christ for his humiliation on our behalf and asking for grace to live for what will never fade.