



## CONVERSATION STARTER

Are you someone who tries to thoroughly plan out your life? If you were in complete control of the rest of your life, how would you plan it out?

Describe a time when life completely disrupted your plans. What happened, and how did you respond to that disruption?

## DEEPER

**Read James 4:13-17**

1. James says, “you boast in your arrogance.” What are some ways arrogance can disguise itself as normal, responsible, or even admirable behavior?
2. Pastor Josh emphasized that arrogance is often easier to spot in others than in ourselves. Why do you think self-awareness is so difficult when it comes to our arrogance?
3. Which statement feels more natural in your day-to-day life? What in your life reveals which one you truly believe?
  - “I’m in control.”
  - “God is in control.”
4. In verses 13-14, James critiques people who make confident plans without acknowledging God is in control. What’s the difference between wise planning and arrogant planning?
5. What are some practical signs that someone is living as though this world is permanent?
6. If you haven’t already organically discussed this, is there an area of your future that you grip too tightly right now? (Career, family, finances, ministry, reputation, comfort, retirement, etc.?)

7. Before the sermon, how often did you think about sins of omission, or failing to do what God commands, compared to sins of commission?
  
8. What are some examples of sins of omission that are easy to excuse or overlook in our walk with Jesus?
  
9. James says we ought to say, “If the Lord wills.” What does it look like to genuinely live with that mindset and not just say the phrase?
  
10. How did Jesus embody what it means to strip away arrogance and live with a “If the Lord wills” mindset?

## NOTES

## GROUP PRAYER

Spend time praying together while focusing on humility, surrender to God’s will, sensitivity to sins of omission, trust in God’s sovereignty, and joy in boasting only in Christ.