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A SERMON SERIES IN THE BOOK OF JAMES

MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 9 – WHAT IS YOUR LIFE?

¹³Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.” ¹⁴Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.

¹⁵Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.” ¹⁶As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil. ¹⁷If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn’t do it, it is sin for them.

– James 4:13-17 (NIV)

THE PITFALLS OF PRESUMPTION & PRIDE

- The enemy of _____ is _____
- Focus your _____ life on that which is _____
- The foolish take _____ in their own _____

TWO TYPES OF SIN

1. Sin of _____
2. Sin of _____

BIG IDEA

Your _____ life is given _____ when you put God’s will into _____

ADDITIONAL NOTES

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Why do we often live our lives based upon presumption?
2. How is preparation different from presumption?
3. How can presumption get in the way of our preparation?
4. What does James mean that our life is a mist?
5. How can a recognition of what is temporary lead us to focus on what is permanent?
6. How can we focus our temporary lives on things which will last forever?
7. Why is it foolish to take pride in your own plans?
8. What is the difference between a sin of omission and a sin of commission?
9. Why might we downplay sins of omission in our daily lives?
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11. Why are sins of omission just as serious as sins of commission?