



LifeGroup Discussion Guide

How to Die - James

Remember this page is designed to *begin* a discussion with your LifeGroup. It is not comprehensive. Allow the following questions to spur on deeper and fuller conversation, study, and discussion.

What is your most favorite possession? Why do you think so many people become so attached to their possessions? To what degree do you think "greed" is a component of the problem? How does a deficient perspective on our own personal mortality play a role in possessing our possessions?

No one ever said, while on their death-bed, "I wish I spent more time at the office!" or "I wish I had my RV with me right now!" **READ: Ecclesiastes 2:17-23** - What is the danger in working and striving to store up wealth? **READ: Matthew 6:19-21**. Share any stories for how you've witnessed these truths played out in real life?

READ: James 4:13-16 - What was the attitude of the individuals to whom James is speaking? How did they think of their plans? What is the danger of becoming economically successful? How do "bonuses" and "banner crops" affect our own temptation towards boasting, bragging, and finding "glory" in our successes? **READ: 1 Timothy 6:6-10** - How are we susceptible to being blinded by greed?

James' solution to these rich fools was to remind them of their own dependency upon God's will and reveal to them their own bankruptcy to hold or control tomorrow. **READ: Hosea 13:3** - Explain the metaphors that Hosea gives and how they reveal man's brevity? **READ: 1 Peter 1:24** - How is the futility of trying to photograph a firework similar to Peter's quotation from Isaiah 40? Why is the lesson of our own limited existence a preventative aid to greed and self-reliance?

We concluded our lesson with the applicational challenge to "Find life in Jesus." **READ: Luke 12:16-21** - If "being rich towards God" doesn't mean increasing our weekly tithe, what does it mean? **READ: Luke 12:32-34** - How does Jesus provide examples of being "rich towards God?" Go around and share some real-world examples for how we can challenge one another to store up our treasures in heaven by valuing Jesus above all, and leveraging our financial successes to "glory" in Jesus?