



# AUTHENTIC FAITH

## PLANNING THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

James 4:13-17

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13 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"— 14 yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. 15 Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." 16 As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. 17 So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin. (ESV)

1. Accept \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.13-14)

2. Seek \_\_\_\_\_ (v.15)

3. Abandon \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.16-17)

## Application Questions

*These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's teaching. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about LifeGroups at Compass Bible Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please visit [compasshillcountry.org/lifegroups](http://compasshillcountry.org/lifegroups) or email us at [info@compasshillcountry.org](mailto:info@compasshillcountry.org).*

1. Read James 4:13-17 and Psalm 39:4-5. In what areas in life do you need to admit your lack of control? Be specific.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Read Hebrews 6:3 and Isaiah 14:24. Why is seeking God's counsel imperative for Christians who desire to make God glorifying plans?
  - a. What are some reasons why your plans would not glorify God?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. How can you ensure as much as possible that your plans glorify God?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Read Ephesians 2:10. Why should this verse cause you to pause and recognize that God does in fact have plans for your everyday life?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Read Luke 12:16-21 and Proverbs 27:1. Why is planning your life without depending on God arrogant, especially if you are a Christian?
  - a. How does your planning often lead to a self-serving schedule that may not honor God?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. What would a daily or weekly schedule look like that honors God and His Bride (the Church)?

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