



## 242 small groups

**Weekend of November 26, 28, & 29 | Week 4: Live like Tomorrow Doesn't Exist**

Ice Breaker:

**You have a chance to go back in time and change one event that you think could most positively influence your life right now. What event would that be and why?**

Weekly Check In:

**So far in this series, we have tackled the following topics:**

- True Religion.
- Complete Faith
- Putting your mouth where it matters and this week
- Living like tomorrow doesn't exist.

**Which one of these has been most impactful for you?**

**This Week's Big Idea: Live as if God is in Control**

***What do you remember most, or what stuck with you from the weekend's teaching?***

Scripture and Discussion Questions:

**James 4|13-16 "Now 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." 14 Why, 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. 15 Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." 16 As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil."**

1. We live in a culture that celebrates preparation, planning, projection and prediction. What do you think are the shadow sides of these values that this scripture is challenging?
2. This passage describes our lives as a mist. Share a time in your life when you were brought to the realization of how temporary your life is.

**Read the following passages:**

**Proverbs 19|21 "Many plans are in a man's heart, but the purpose of the LORD will prevail."**

### Proverbs 20|24

**“A man's steps are from the LORD, so how can anyone understand his own way?”**

### Proverbs 16|9

**“In their hearts humans plan their course,  
but the Lord establishes their steps.”**

### Psalms 136|16

**“You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.”**

3. What lessons can you draw out of this passage?

### John 21|18-19

**“Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.’ 19 Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, ‘Follow me!’”**

4. What was Jesus trying to communicate to Peter?
5. How does the attitude of surrendering control to God go against our culture?
6. Peter in the Bible is portrayed as a very pragmatic person. The idea of letting go of control may have instilled in him a lot of anxiety. If you were in Peter’s shoes, how would you finish this sentence

**“I fear surrendering my plans to God because \_\_\_\_\_”?**

7. Complete the following sentence:

**“I choose to surrender my Plans/health/family/work etc to God because He is \_\_\_\_\_”**

**Wrap up in prayer.**

### Next Steps: No Needs Project



Starting this week, through Dec 20th, 2|42 will be promoting the No Needs Project. This is our way of posting and meeting needs as a way of spreading the Christmas cheer, but most importantly living up to **Acts 2|45** **“They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.”** Go to [www.noneedsproject.com](http://www.noneedsproject.com) and find needs you can meet. Over the coming weeks, look out for some needs of people in your community and post them for others to meet.

## **Weekend of November 26, 28,29 | Live like tomorrow doesn't exist: LEADER GUIDE**

This week culminates our James series "Game ON" we wrap it up by exploring what it means to surrender control and our future to God. At the end of the study, they will identify areas in their lives that they may want to control and take time to offer them back to God. There are 3 different scripture portions, with the 2nd one offering various proverbs on surrender. Please leave room to introduce the No Needs Project ([www.noneedsproject.com](http://www.noneedsproject.com)).

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### **Weekly Check-In (Snapshot of the series)**

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**As the group which one of these has been most impactful?**

### **Scripture and Discussion Questions:**

Read James 4|13-16

- Identify the shadow side of some controlling values that our culture celebrates.
- Reflect on a time when your life felt like a mist.
- Read the Psalm and Proverbs passages and find common themes/lessons.
- Read John 21:18-19 and discussion on Peter's possible struggle with surrender.  
"I fear surrendering my plans to God because \_\_\_\_\_"?
- (If time allows) Personalize your surrender of control by Completing this sentence,  
"I choose to surrender my Plans/health/family/work etc to God because He is \_\_\_\_\_"

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