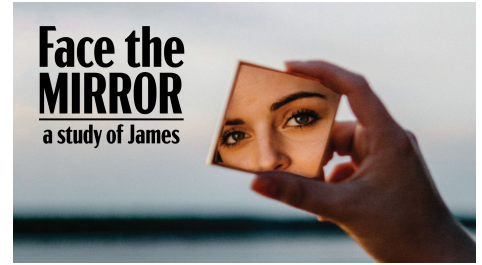


Face the Mirror

James 4:13-17 (8.8.21)

S Scripture
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Time is an hourglass with the top half hidden.

ICE BREAKER: Talk about a time when you made big plans but then had them all fall apart. What happened?

Read: James 4:13-14

- Are you a planner, or more of a go-with-the-flow kind of person?
- What are some plans you have for the future?
- How long do you expect to live? Put another way: how much time do you think you have to accomplish your plans? What do you base that on?
- What should be our approach to making plans, then? Should we *not* plan for the future? What is James proposing here?

Read: James 4:15-16

- Verse fifteen seems to be about perspective. What do you think James is advocating with his phrase, "if it is the Lord's will"?
- What is the connection between verses fifteen and sixteen?
- On Sunday Frank said, "Hold your plans loose, but hold your God close." React to that statement.

Read: James 4:17

- This verse is about sins of omission. What is something good God is calling you to do? Are you resistant to that? Why?

Prayer: Pray this week's memory verse, James 4:17. Ask God to foster courage in your life so you will do what He asks of you.