
“SHOW AND TELL”

WEEK 8



“SHOW AND TELL” SERIES OVERVIEW:

This series is a study through the book of James. Written by Jesus' half brother, the book of James shares sage wisdom for all the churches and followers of Jesus. It's influenced by Proverbs and frequently quotes Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

While James doesn't teach new theology, it does challenge believers on how they should live. Topics covered include words, favoritism, love, wealth and hardship. When believers listen to and obey God's word, they love Him and others. Their actions match their words, and their lives are made whole, complete and perfect.

Check out the following link for an illustrated overview of the book of James.

<https://thebibleproject.com/explore/james/>

Icebreaker:

What are you most excited about for this summer break? What, if any, big plans do you have for the summer?

LifeGroup Discussion Questions: **Don't feel like you have to get through all the questions below. We create and give you more than you need to ensure that you have all that you need. Feel free to add / takeaway based on the needs of your group.*

Read James 4:13-17.

1. What was James' point in comparing us to a mist or a vapor? Why is this truth an important reality to keep in mind?
2. Is it arrogant to make plans? Is it wrong to make a profit? What was James saying in these verses?
3. Why does James insist that we preface our plans by saying, "If the Lord wills..."? What mindset does this indicate?
4. How does a concern for the will of God demonstrate our belief in His sovereignty?

5. According to James, what lies behind the reasoning that excludes God and His will?

Read Luke 12:13-21.

6. What does this parable teach you about priorities? About wealth? About certainties in life?

Read Proverbs 27:1.

7. Why is it foolish to presume on the future?

Read Isaiah 46:9-10.

8. What does this passage say about God and the future?

9. What are some things that you know are clearly the will of God? (Explain how you know they are the will of God and where that is found in scripture).

10. How can you become more focused on knowing and doing the will of God? How can the group help?

Reread James 4:17

11. How does this verse expand our understanding of sin?

12. How does the cross give hope to those who haven't done the right thing? How does that hope lead us to humility?

WHAT'S AHEAD:

Discussion Guides On the Web: You can now access the Sermon Content for your group on the NMC webpage. To access, click on the "Watch Messages" tab on the home page and under each message will be a button to click for Discussion Guides. These guides will be published to webpage by Tuesday after the message was taught.

Sermon Series Schedule: So you can plan ahead as to what content best fits your group, here is a heads up as to the sermon content schedule from now through the summer.

We are back into our James Series called "Show and Tell". Here is the schedule for the rest of this series:

- June 9 / James 5:7-12
- June 16 / James 5:13-20

***We will begin our "At the Movies" series on June 23rd.**