

CHURCH MUSKOKA STLYE LIVING ROOMS PRESENTS
- JAMES 4

MEMORY VERSE - JAMES 4:10

“Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

OPEN PRAYERTIME

PART 1: BREAKING THE ICE: (10 min)

Share one way the Spirit spoke to you this week?

PART 2: LOOK TO THE BOOK: (50 min)

James 4:13-17

Warning about Self-Confidence

¹³ *Look here, you people who say, “Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town and will stay there a year. We will do business there and make a profit.”* ¹⁴ *How do you know what will happen tomorrow? For your life is like the morning fog—it’s here a little while, then it’s gone.* ¹⁵ *What you ought to say is, “If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that.”* ¹⁶ *Otherwise you will be boasting about your own plans, and all such boasting is evil.*

What does this passage say about how we should live our lives?

Read Luke 12:13-21

¹³ *Then someone called from the crowd, “Teacher, please tell my brother to divide our father’s estate with me.”*

¹⁴ *Jesus replied, “Friend, who made me a judge over you to decide such things as that?”* ¹⁵ *Then he said, “Beware! Don’t be greedy for what you don’t have. Real life is not measured by how much we own.”*

¹⁶ *And he gave an illustration: “A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. ¹⁷ In fact, his barns were full to overflowing. ¹⁸ So he said, ‘I know! I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I’ll have room enough to store everything. ¹⁹ And I’ll sit back and say to myself, My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!’*

²⁰ *“But God said to him, ‘You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get it all?’*

²¹ *“Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God.” NLT*

What does this passage say about how we should live our lives?

Do we try and do this..... store up “enough for years to come”?

What does it say about our attitude about life?

How is real life “not” measured according to Jesus (v15)?

Does verse 21 give any insight into how real life is measured according to Jesus?

How do we measure life these days? Be honest.

What do we need to change in regard to our attitude about life these days to please Jesus?

The Bible calls Satan the Prince of this World what does he offer us to follow him.

How can we break free from what Satan offers?

What are some practical things we can do? What have you found that helps you?

PART 3:

Break into groups men and women.

Read the memory verse aloud.

Share (in confidence) an area that you would like to “humble yourself” before the Lord in?

PRAY FOR THE SPIRIT TO HELP EACH OTHER IN THESE AREAS.

Sermon Notes: