

## QUIET TIME REFLECTIONS

### Day 1: James 4:13-14

- What word or phrase jumps out to you? Why?
  - Have you been making any plans where you have not prayed for God's wisdom and leadership? Think about how your life will turn out if you live depending only on your own strength and wisdom.
  - Think about a time in your life where things didn't turn out like you'd planned. What does that teach you about your capacity to control your destiny?
- ### Day 2: James 4:14
- How does this passage speak to you?
  - James calls our lives a mist or vapor. How does that make you feel? Does it affect the way you want to live the rest of your life?
  - The shortness of life may make some people feel uncomfortable or sad. However, others may view this as an opportunity to make positive changes. What are some positive changes you can make in your life?

### Day 3: James 4:15

- What insight do you gain from this text?
- What are ways you can seek God's will for your life? Is God's will always crystal clear? When God's will doesn't seem clear, how can you use the words of this verse in your circumstance?
- Is there a person you know who seems to live for God consistently? What is it about that person's life that inspires you? What's one aspect of his or her faith that you can incorporate into your own life?

### Day 4: James 4:16

- What's one question you have about this passage?
- Consider areas in your life where you might be guilty of "boasting or bragging" (NIV). How might God want to grow you in your faith in spite of you falling short in this area?
- Pride and arrogance are normal struggles, even for Christians. Think about areas in which you've been too proud to submit to God.

### Day 5: James 4:13 & 16

- What can you learn from this text?
- Consider how these two verses are connected. Do you think these people realize they're boasting? Are there areas in your life in which you might be guilty of boasting, but not realize it?
- When we realize we've been sinning, how should we respond?

### Day 6: James 4:17

- What is God saying to you from this verse?
- Read this verse several times. Consider how it can be applied to those described in verse 13. How can this verse be applied to your life in general?
- The people mentioned in this verse didn't likely consider their actions sinful. Consider how James would coach them to live differently. How might James coach you to live differently?

### Day 7: James 4:13-17

Read through the entire passage. Write down the **one** verse that spoke to you the most this week. Commit the verse to memory for an extra challenge!