

Message Questions – August 1, 2010 James 4:13-17

- Why is James so aggressively confronting people who make plans about what they are going to do in the future? Is planning a bad thing?
- Describe an experience you've had that brought you clarity that you are not in control of everything that happens to you.
- Is it fair to say that your prayer life and your submission to the Scripture are good indicators of whether or not you believe you are in control? Why or why not?
- Read Romans 1:18-21. Describe what it means to be spiritually blind. How does sin make us "blind"?
- How does spiritual blindness get in the way of our doing the right thing?
- What does James mean when he tells us to say "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that"? Are the words enough?
- How does the gospel of Jesus affect our response when we realize we are convicted of our spiritual blindness?
- How does the gospel of Jesus allow you to celebrate today?
- How does the gospel of Jesus change your focus in life?
- How does the gospel of Jesus enable you to endure tragedy with hope?