

Faith Works 12 Part 1:

James 4:13-17

9/8/19

How did God speak to you through Sunday's worship and the message of James on Faith Works?

POINT: Make ROOM for God

1. Is James opposed to planning? In what way does James see a problem with the plans expressed in v13?

2. What is "presumption"?

In v14, James gives us two reasons the plans of v13 express presumption; what are they?

3. Here's a two-fold question. Do you ever think about the shortness of life, and if you do, what's the result? What would be some other good results?

4. Read v15. How do we put "If the Lord wills" into practice? How should we? How should we practice humility before God when it comes to making plans?

5. Read v16. Here James points to the presumption of v13 and calls it "boasting in your arrogance"; how is it "evil" or "harmful"? What is the evil or the harm? What evil or harm is it for our faith in God?

6. What do you think v17 is emphasizing based on the theme and context of v13-16? How would you put v17 into your own words?

Does James somewhere in v13-16 reveal the "good" or "right" thing to do?

7. What have you learned from James here that you will make use of tomorrow and in the future?