

Key Scriptures: Luke 16:13; James 4:13-17; Matthew 6:19-21; James 5:1-5

1. Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- If you were to win the lottery, what is the first thing you would buy? Why?
- If you were to win the lottery, what is the first thing you would invest in? Why?
- If your friend won the lottery, what silly present would they buy you?

2. Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- How does your faith make a difference in your life?
- What did Jesus mean in Luke 16:13 when He said, “No one can serve two masters...”? Give an example that illustrates this.
- If money can become an idol in our lives, is there any difference in foolish spending or greedy accumulation? Can the security of a large bank account/retirement distract you from God’s plan?
- Wisdom is defined as “the right application of knowledge”. How do we wisely discern and follow God’s plan for our lives?
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3. Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- If you had created your own plan for your life, like James suggests in James 4:13, where would you be? Importantly, what would you miss if you followed your own timetable, location, duration, and method of making a living, instead of surrendering to God’s will, timetable, location, duration, and method?
- James likens our life to a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. In the light of Eternity, how can our “little while” be as impactful as possible?
- Who has impacted your life more than anyone else? Are you making an impact in the life of others?
- Have you ever, by what you do or not do, ever said to God, “I don’t care what You think, I’m going to do things my way”? In what way does it help illustrate what James said in James 4:17, about it being a sin?
- How have you stored up treasures in heaven?

4. Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

- Pray that God clearly communicates His will for you this week.

5. Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Check out these verses about God’s Will for you:
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:18
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:3
 - Hebrews 13:20-21
 - James 1:5
 - 1 Peter 2:15
 - Ephesians 5:15-20
 - Micah 6:8