

# A Study Guide to James 4:13-5:6 (Session 8)

First Baptist Peddie Church

**1. Pray for wisdom from the Holy Spirit for understanding God's Word.**

**2. Read James 4:13-5:6 aloud slowly several times.**

### **3. Observe**

1. Mark any words or phrases that stand out.
2. Write down any questions that arise from the text.
3. What are the unexpressed assumptions about life among those who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go ..." (4:13)? What do they assume about life?
4. As you read 5:1-6, think of some passages in the Bible with similar messages and list them.

### **4. Watch the Video Lesson on YouTube**

### **5. Interpret / Live out the Word**

1. Consider what you have already planned for the coming months and years. How would you evaluate your own motivations in what you have planned?
2. Have you had a moment of realization that your life is only a mist (4:14)? How has that experience affected the way you live?
3. Knowing that you are a mist, how would you plan for your future?
4. Why is "hoarding wealth in the last days" (5:3) such a grave sin?
5. Do you consider yourself as those who "have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence" (5:5)? Why, or why not?
6. Most of us probably have not committed the specific acts of injustice mentioned in 5:4 & 5:6. Are we, therefore, exempt from the warning in 5:1-6? Why, or why not?
7. In what ways is the Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31) related to James 5:1-6?

### **6. Memorize (use your preferred translation)**

(James 4:14 NIV)

Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.