



## JOURNEY GROUP STUDY GUIDE – James: A Working Faith

### WEEK 5 - Sunday, October 26 – “Who’s in Charge...of You?”

#### *CONNECT (table)*

1. Describe a time when God unexpectedly took your life in a different direction than you had planned.
2. What from the message did you find helpful, challenging, or troubling.

#### *LEARN from James 4 (text)*

1. James states that our life is uncertain and brief. Take turns reading the following verses and note other word pictures the Bible uses to talk about life. *Psalm 39:5; Psalm 144:4; Job 7:7,9; Psalm 103:15-16.*
2. James says that leaving God out of our plans is to arrogantly assume the future is totally in our control. What does James 4:16 say about this kind of boasting? Do you think most a Christian regard leaving God out of their plans as "evil"? Why or why not?
3. What are some practical steps - steps that reflect a dependence on and submission to God - that Christians can take when making plans for the future?
4. Explain the relationship between James 4:17 and the four verses that precede it, verses 13-16. What is the "good" that the recipients of James' letter should have been doing?
5. Read Isaiah 40:21-26. What do these verses communicate about God's power and sovereignty over human affairs? When you think about your life and your future in light of these verses, how do you feel?

#### *SERVE (towel)*

1. Continue discussing your group serving opportunity for the "Here We Are: Week of Compassion" (October 26-November 2).