Week 5:

Live Like a Mist

Questions

1. What illustration, story, or scripture had the greatest impact on you this week?
2. Read James 4:14. What does it mean to you that your life is “a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes”? How does that change the way you think about today? In a world obsessed with legacy and platform, how might embracing your life as a mist free you to focus on what really matters?
3. James 4:17 says that knowing the good we ought to do—and not doing it—is sin. What is something good you’ve been putting off? What might it look like to act on it this week? Are there good things that get pushed aside because of your pace, plans, or personal comfort?
4. Which of the following four challenges from the sermon speaks most to your current season? Do good each day, give up control, overcome grumbling with gratitude, or persevere through difficulty. Why do you think that one stands out to you right now?
5. Read James 5:7-8. What are you waiting on God for right now? What does it look like to “plow and plant” while waiting for Him to send the rain? When you can’t control the outcome, what helps you stay grounded in your faith?
6. “Control what you can control.” What’s one thing you’re holding on to that you need to release to God? What’s one thing you can take responsibility for this week?
7. Read James 5:9. Why do you think grumbling is such a big deal to God? How has gratitude shifted your mindset or attitude? In what areas of your life is gratitude hardest to find, and how might practicing be most powerful?
8. What is one practical step you can put into practice this week?

Scripture References

Read: James 3:2, Psalm 139:16, James 4:13-14, James 4:17, James 5:7-11, Proverbs 13:20, Ephesians 4:26, Genesis 1:11, Job 42:10, Job 42:16

Takeaways

- Do Some Good Each Day
- In All Our Planning for The Future, We Can Miss the Urgency of Today.
- Give Up Control
- Lower Your Expectations
- Limit Your Exposure
- Outlast Them
- Pray
- Overcome Grumbling with Gratitude