

**Relate Group Questions**  
**August 26, 2018**

**Ice Breaker Question:** What was your first job? How much did you get paid?

**Relate Group Value: Accountability** – Voluntary submission to group member(s) for support, encouragement and help in a particular area of your life helps build authentic relationships.

**Sermon Series: Does Your Faith Work?**

**Sermon Title: In What Will You Boast?**

Sermon Text: James 1:9-11

Other Relevant Scriptures: Matthew 5:6; 6:19-24; Mark 10:25; Jeremiah 9:23-24; Ecclesiastics 9:11-12; 1 Timothy 6:6-10; 17-19; James 4:14.

**Study Questions:**

1. What do you tend to boast about or take pride in (consider Jeremiah 9:23-24 and James 1:9-10)?
2. How does James turn the assumed status of the rich and poor believers upside down (vv. 9-10)?
3. In our society, how is success generally measured? How do you measure success?
4. What should be the focus of our lives as followers of Jesus? In what way does this text challenge you?
5. Considering this past week, what do you count on to make ends meet? Your bank account or God?
6. The Bible is clear about the transience and unpredictability of life (consider Psalm 103:15-16, Isaiah 40:6-8 and James 4:14)? How does this effect the way you live your life?
7. Do you agree that riches can be a hindrance to faithfulness to God (see Mark 10:25)? What is the solution (1 Timothy 6:17-19)?
8. Live *not* for what fades; live for what does not fade. How can we do this in our everyday lives?

**Weekly Check-up:**

How is your daily Bible reading going?

How has your prayer life been this past week?

Are you struggling in your obedience to God?

Have you shared Jesus with anyone this past week?

Have you invited anyone to worship or small group?

What do you need prayer and encouragement for today?