Ice Breaker Question:
Are you a long-range planner? Or do you take one day at a time?

Relate Group Value: Sensitivity – Committing to sensitivity to the needs, feelings, backgrounds and current situations of other group members helps build relationships in the group.
Sermon Series: Does Your Faith Work?
Sermon Title: How Should We Plan For The Future?
Sermon Text: James 4:13-17
Other Relevant Scriptures: Proverbs 3:5-10; 1:7; 9:10-11; 16:9; Acts 18:21; 1 Corinthians 4:19; Philippians 4:19; Matthew 6:33-34; Luke 12:13-21; 1 Timothy 6:17-19.

Study Questions:
1. How far in the future have you planned your life?

2. When have you made plans for your future without considering God's will?

3. What attitude should we have towards our plans? Why?

4. How often do you pray about your plans and decisions before making them?

5. Do you approach your career planning in these terms (verse 15)? Your "life planning?

6. Take 30 seconds to reflect on verse 17. Is there something you know you should be doing but you aren't?

7. Why as faithful followers of Christ should we not worry about tomorrow and wonder if our plans will come to fruition (Matthew 6:33-34)?

8. On a scale of 1 (not at all) to 10 (absolutely), how comfortable are you right now that God will always meet your needs, in sickness and in health, in good times and in bad times (Philippians 4:19)?

9. What are you often tempted to place your hope in—your careful planning, your money and investments, your career, or something else? Where *should* we place our hope (1 Timothy 6:17-19)?

10. How often do you consider the shortness of your earthly life? What is your typical reaction when you consider the brevity of your life?

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?