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James 4:   
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February 24, 2019

**Growth Group Preparation Questions**

For the week of February 24, 2019

Prepare for your Growth Group discussion by taking some time (about 20-30 minutes) to go through the following Growth Group Questions (G2Qs) and be ready to share your thoughts and answers with your group. Have a great time growing in your relationship with the Lord and with others!

**Getting to know You**

1. Are you a long-range planner, or do you take one day at a time?
2. When you were 15, what did you expect to be doing at 25 or 35? How correct were you?

**DIGGING DEEPER**

1. Looking back at your sermon notes, what stuck out to you or was new, challenging, or confusing?
2. Describe how Luke 12:18-20 and James 4:13-17 are similar in what they say about trying to plan out our future.

1. If you could, what would you like to control in your future?

1. Is planning for the future always wrong? When is planning and setting goals being wise and responsible? When does it cross the line into over-control and not trusting God?

1. When does your desire to control your future cause you to worry?

1. In light of Proverbs 3:5-6 and Philippians 4:11-13, how can an increased awareness of God's sovereignty (that He's all powerful, all knowing and in complete control) turn down the intensity of your worry?

**SERVING OTHERS AND SHARING YOUR FAITH**

1. What fears do you have that may be holding you back from participating in a GO Trip (either going on one or supporting one)?
2. If your G2 doesn’t have an S2 Liaison yet, take some time as a group to discuss it and identify one.

**Growth Group Prayer Requests:**