



Sermon Discussion Guide

Dan Pursley - Plans, Plans, Plans

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Leader Preparation

1. Take some time to look over these questions ahead of time. Choose the ones that you want to make sure you cover with your group. We have highlighted what we think are **key ideas/questions by bolding them.**
2. Pray for your group and your time together as you prepare. This is so helpful!
3. When meeting online you as the leader will need to be more directive than in person. Don't be afraid to invite everyone to answer a question, invite them to share by name, and thank them when they finish. The online format requires a little more intentional orchestrating than an in-person group.
4. Try to start the gathering by getting everyone talking at least once to begin. The Hook section is great for this. When in doubt, have people share stories about their past. (How the week was, favorite memories about the topic for the day, etc). This is a great way to help your group continue to get to know one another.
5. Next, look at the Scripture and what it means. We believe Jesus is discipling people through this Word. Get people into the Scriptures and the Scriptures into people!
6. Finally, end with what God is saying to people and how God is inviting them to respond. These aren't just ideas to know but realities to live in!



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Hook - Getting to know one another

1. Remember your own plans and if you had to pivot in your life. Take time to share large or small real examples of this.
2. Have you had successful plans? How did you respond? How has it shaped you?
3. Have your plans been frustrated? How has it shaped you?

Book

1. Reread the passage James 4:13-17. Also reread the entirety of chapter 4.
2. Take some time to respond personally to what thoughts, memories, or emotions does it bring up.
3. Watch The Bible Project's James video paying special attention to the section on chapter 4.
4. What other biblical characters come to mind when we talk about plans being frustrated for the glory of God? Or those who had plans in alignment with God's work.

Look

1. When has the church or the Christian community either rightly aligned its plans with God's work or not?
2. How has the pivot away from the best laid plans shaped the future of the church in the world?
3. How do we see our church or Christians now? Not taking credit takes humility, compassion, and loyalty. Can we as a church pivot? In what areas?

Took

1. Do you need to pivot in any area of your life?
2. Make sure your plans are rooted in His plans so you aren't tempted to take credit. Are there plans you have that need examining?



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3. Do you have plans that you know are in His plans? If you feel comfortable share them and how you are seeking God's will

Time of Prayer