



Group Time

ENCOURAGEMENT 1-on-1 (See last page for directions)

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LOOK BACK:

Point: Unity is coming together in diversity to live on mission.

- How did you measure up?

Question: What is meant by the idiom, “The best laid plans of mice and men...?” (If you’ve never heard it? Look it up.) How about, “Hindsight is 20-20?”

LOOK UP: Watch this week’s video on the 4G web page.

Recap: In Chapter 4, James is going to address a problem with tomorrow. It has to do with our arrogance. That somehow, if we just work out all the angles, we can control tomorrow. But those angles are never certain and may never happen. We need to understand that, unlike God, we can never know everything and therefore can’t plan for everything. However, we can plan for some things.

If we work God’s plan, we have a much better chance of the angles working in our favor. Working God’s plan requires a relationship with Him that looks to the future, but lives/works in the present. That relationship requires that you know Him and yourself and how He has created you for His good works.

LOOK IN: Discussion

- Share a ministry experience where you planned out everything to a “T”, and it all fell apart.
- Share a ministry experience where there was little to no plan (not because you didn’t want one) and you had to just trust God, and everything went beyond your wildest dreams.
- Is there a medium between the two where we can/should be? How can we use our skills to plan and yet, “stay in our lane?”

LOOK FORWARD: Application

Point: Do what you know God is calling you to do!

Do Now What You Know To Do

- A. What are you doing now and how is it serving God’s plan? If you are not sure, continue to part B.

- B. Determine how God is gifting you for His plan in three steps:
Step one: Take the Personality and Spiritual Gifts Inventory Assessments. Pick up a *Remarkably and Wondrously Made* booklet at your campus foyer or click “Know Your Strengths” at cbcfamily.net/go2.

Step two: Ask those close to you how they see God gifting you and record their responses.

Step Three: Armed with this information, discuss with our CBC staff or ministry leaders how you can best be plugged into God’s plan for Calvary.