



# **LifeGroup Discussion Packet**

## **Your Priorities Determine Your Path**

Series: What Matters Most

James 1:5-8, 21-27; 4:13-17

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## Main Idea:

What you value most will shape the direction of your life. When you make God's wisdom your priority, God's Word your practice, and God's will your pursuit, your life begins to move in the right direction.

## Key Verse:

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him." James 1:5 (ESV)

## Warm-Up Question:

What is one priority in your life right now that gets a lot of your time, attention, or energy? What does that reveal about this season of your life?

## Discussion Questions

- In this week's message, we heard, "Your priorities determine your path." Where do you see that principle play out most clearly in real life, whether spiritually, relationally, financially, or emotionally?
- Read James 1:5-8. Why do you think James starts with wisdom? What is the difference between simply wanting answers and genuinely asking God for wisdom?
- In this week's message, we heard, "The biggest issue in life is often not what you're facing. It is how you're facing it." How have you seen that prove true in your own life?
- Double-mindedness was described as saying, "God, lead me," while still keeping both hands on the wheel. In what areas are people most tempted to do that with God?
- Read James 1:21-25. Why is hearing God's Word easier than doing it? What are some common ways Christians deceive themselves into thinking spiritual exposure is the same as spiritual growth?

- In this week's message, the mirror illustration from James and Jesus' teaching about building on the rock were both used. How do those two pictures help you understand the difference between hearing truth and practicing truth?
- Peter obeyed Jesus in Luke 5 even when it did not make sense, and in this week's message we heard, "Peter's miracle was waiting on the other side of obedience." Where might God be asking you to obey Him before you can see the outcome?
- Read James 4:13-17. What does this passage teach us about planning, control, and surrender? Why is it so easy to plan life as though God is optional?
- In this week's message, we heard, "Sometimes the greatest barrier to God's will is not rebellion. It is our attachment to our own plan." How does that challenge you personally right now?
- Paul's redirection in Acts 16 showed that he had a plan, but God had a greater one. Can you think of a time when God redirected your life, closed a door, or changed your plan for something better?

## Going Deeper

- Which of the three main points from the message speaks to you most right now, and why?
  1. Make God's wisdom your priority
  2. Make God's Word your practice
  3. Make God's will your pursuit
- What is one area of your life where your priorities may have drifted from what matters most to God?

- In this week's message, we were reminded that everybody builds their life on something. What are some false foundations people commonly build on today, and why can only Jesus truly hold a life together when things start shaking?

## **Next Step**

This week, ask God to show you one practical area where your priorities need to be realigned. Then take one specific step in response.

It may mean...

- asking God for wisdom before making a decision
- obeying something in Scripture you have been delaying
- surrendering a plan, timeline, or outcome to the Lord
- choosing prayer over panic
- choosing obedience over convenience

Write down one sentence that begins with this phrase... "This week, because my priorities determine my path, I will..." Then share it with the group if you feel comfortable.