

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Future Forward

James 4:13-14

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What was your plan after you graduated from high school? How close or far have you moved from that plan.

How do you achieve the desired future?

James was Jesus' half-brother, and Jesus completely changed the trajectory of his life. What are some ways in which Jesus has done that to your life?

- **Be *intentional***

Do you think you are an *intentional* person? Why or why not?

What are some of the differences/are their differences between seeking the counsel of others about God's will, and seeking *God* about his will?

How do we find God's will in a situation where, though we are very intentional, it seems there is more than one good option, or no good options?

- **Be *flexible*** (Proverbs 27:1)

"Part of God's will is static, but God's will changes in some areas." Discuss the implications of that statement. Which one is more difficult to accept?

Is flexibility the opposite of intentionality?

Life is unpredictable.

Life is brief.

Who in the Bible lived with intentionality and flexibility?

- **Be *available*** (John 20:21)

What are some of the differences between being flexible and being available?

What are some of the "hard" jobs God has given you? What has God called you to that you are avoiding? What is one step you can take to accomplish it?

If you've been intentional, flexible and available, and there's still confusion or hardship in finding and doing God's will. How does Jesus enter into your struggle?