

Read Ecclesiastes 5.15-16, 9.11 & Luke 12.16-21

9. *Note any additional insights you gain on this issue from these passages?*

Action

10. *Why might we be tempted to believe that we have control of our future? Why does James call this arrogance?*

11. *How might this lead to “boasting”? What would this look like in your life (HINT: it may not actually be expressed in boastful words)?*

12. *Psalm 90.12 “Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” What might it look like in your life to “number your days”?*

13. How might it look to make plans in the following areas if you made your plans with the caveat "if it is the Lord's will"?

- plans for work and study?

- plans for marriage or singleness?

- plans for retirement?

- other areas?

14. What confidence does the gospel of Jesus Christ give us so we do not need to be paralysed by fear of death as a consequence of knowing that we are "a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes"?