

Bethel Bible Study July 3, 2014: Plan God's Way

1. Planning a project, an activity, an outing: describe how you feel about the subject of planning. Is it enjoyable, difficult, troublesome, distracting, fun...?:
2. There are many people that have difficulty planning the events and activities of their lives. Even Christians sometimes have acquired the reputation of being poor planners. Why do you think people fail to plan?
3. Read James 4:13-17.
 - In your understanding, what is the sin that James is condemning in verses 13, 14 and 16?
 - According to verse 15, do you think he is forbidding the practice of planning? Why or why not?
 - According to verse 17, what do we end up inadvertently doing in a situation in which we fail to plan?
4. Based on your experience with God and the Bible, does God plan His work and His activities? How do you know this?
 - Does His planning get in the way of His creativity, His caring, or His joy? Explain:

5. According to the following passages, what are some of the things we must include if we are to have successful experiences at planning?:

- Proverbs 20:18
- Proverbs 24:6
- Proverbs 16:3
- Proverbs 20:5

6. According to Luke 14:26-30, what happens to the Christian if they fail to plan with reference to his spiritual walk with God?:

7. In your group, share some of the spiritual areas that might require planning if the goal the Lord has for us is to be reached:

8. This week's focus on care and prayer...

Are you working on some goal that is a struggle for you at this time? Is practical planning standing in your way? Do you find it hard to plan things out as the Bible suggests? Is there someone that you know of that could help you to become a better planner? Would a class, book, or seminar help? Would you ask the Lord to give you some guidance in taking the first step in becoming a better planner?

Is there a spiritual goal that the Lord has impressed upon you but which is not being realized because of inadequate planning? If you can, share this concern in your group, please do so and make it the object of your prayer this week.