



## deovox group study guide

### Stop boasting: James 4.13-17

1. Start on a light note. Ask everyone to present "a claim to fame." In what ways can "claims to fame" be misused?

2. **Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring. Prov 27.1.** What leads people to boast about their fortune and security? What attitude of the heart does boasting reveal?

3. What is the balance between planning and trusting God? How does it work in your life? What happens when we get the balance wrong? Why do think James calls boasting evil? Why such strong language?

4. **I want a father who is the same in the morning as he is at night.** Do you resonate with Bart Simpson? If so, share life experiences that have led to this desire to have a God who can be trusted. Share examples from your life of God demonstrating that he can indeed be trusted.

5. (If you can, replay the section with Gary Habermas. Ask for comments on what he says) **OR** Gary Habermas characterizes faith as meaning "I do" in marriage. What does he mean? And do you agree? Why? How has God shown himself faithful in marriage to you?