



Community Bible Church
Pastor Bob DuPar
January 14, 2018

Displaced

James 1:1

Background & Introduction:

1 Crisis

“So then those who were scattered because of the persecution that occurred in connection with Stephen made their way to Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except to Jews alone.”
Acts 11:19

2 Choice

“Come now, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit.’ Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away. Instead, you ought to say, ‘If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that.’”
James 4:13-15

3 Appointment

“And He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation, that they would seek God...”
Acts 17:26-27a

Application:



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Go Deep Study Guide

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Getting Started

What did you find most helpful from this week's sermon? Was anything confusing? Is there anything that needs clarification? Discuss as a group.

If you haven't heard the sermon yet, you can access it at: www.cbcventura.org

Going Deeper

Re-read James 1:1-12

What's something new that you learned? What was most meaningful to you in the background information? Why?

What impresses or surprises you about the way that James identifies himself in verse 1?

Have you ever been *displaced*? When? What happened?

What does the term sovereign/sovereignty mean with respect to God? What does it mean to you? Explain

Read Acts 11:19 for a possible explanation of the scattering of James' audience.

Reflect & Discuss:

"God allows us to be displaced, not only for what He wants to accomplish in our lives, but also for what He wants to accomplish in the lives of those with whom He places us in close proximity."

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What is God displacing in your life? What is He using to accomplish this?

Read James 4:13-15. What are some examples of choices we make that end up displacing us? How is God sovereign over our wise and poor choices? Can you think of verses that affirm this?

Discuss why it's important to consult God in all of our decisions. What is the message/lesson of James 4:13-15? What is God saying to you through this?

What does it mean to experience displacement because of God's divine appointment of circumstances/people/situations? Read and discuss Acts 17:26-27

Application

Take your favorite implication/application from the sermon this week and personalize it. What are some specific ways that you can make this truth real in your life this week? Is there someone who can hold you accountable and encourage you in this?

Prayer

Spend some time in prayer thanking God for His Word and what you've learned.

What are some of the prayer needs of your group, your family, your friends?