**Pastor Demetric Felton Sr. June 10, 2018**

 **Let God Be God**

James 4:11-17

**Key Truth:** When we humbly and selflessly submit to God, it impacts all areas of our lives.

1. Don’t speak evil of one another

 A. Slander hurts because we seldom have all the

 facts.

 B. Ultimate judgement belongs to Jesus Christ.

 C. Choose to show love rather than condemnation.

2. Stop planning life as if you are in total control.

 A. You don’t know the future of your own life.

 B. You don’t determine when your life ends.

 C. Your life doesn’t belong to you.

 1. We are kingdom citizens on mission for King.

3. Let God determine your future.

 A. Don’t let money rule your decision making.

 B. Make the most of the life God has given you.

 C. Submit your plans to God in pencil. Proverbs 16:9

 D. Trust Him for provision, protection, and

 promotion. Proverbs 3:5-8

 E. Simply put, live like Jesus! Matthew 6:10, 12:50, 26:39,

**Taking it Beyond the Walls**: Leave the judging to Jesus and commit to living your life in submission to His will.

**CONNECTION GROUP HOMEWORK**

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Are you the type of person who loves to make plans, or are you generally more spontaneous and non-committal? Give an example that illustrates your preference.

Which of the commands that James gave do you think is the easiest? Which is the hardest? Why?

In what sense can we be prideful in making plans? In what sense can we be prideful in not making plans?

How does thinking about our lives as “smoke” check our pride about our lives and how we live them? Psalm 90:

Read Genesis 13:8-13: What do you think motivated Lot to move close to Sodom? How did that affect his family?

Read Matthew 7:1-5: Why does Jesus condemn this type of judging?

Read 1 Corinthians 5:12-13: Why does Paul encourage this type of judging?