

James 5:12

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Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions.**

The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. What does James mean by “do not swear”? Does that mean Christians can’t take an oath in court? Why or why not?
2. James writes that Christians are not to swear “either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath” — what is his point, why would he use such generalities, do you see any loopholes?
3. What is James’ point in saying “let your ‘yes’ be yes and your ‘no’ be no”? Why does a wholehearted commitment to Christ require Christians to speak the truth? What areas of truth-telling do you need to grow in your commitment to Christ?
4. The end of v. 12 indicates a Christian’s integrity or lack thereof has consequences. What is James trying to protect believers from? How does Jesus’ righteousness and the gospel give hope to those who’ve broken their word?