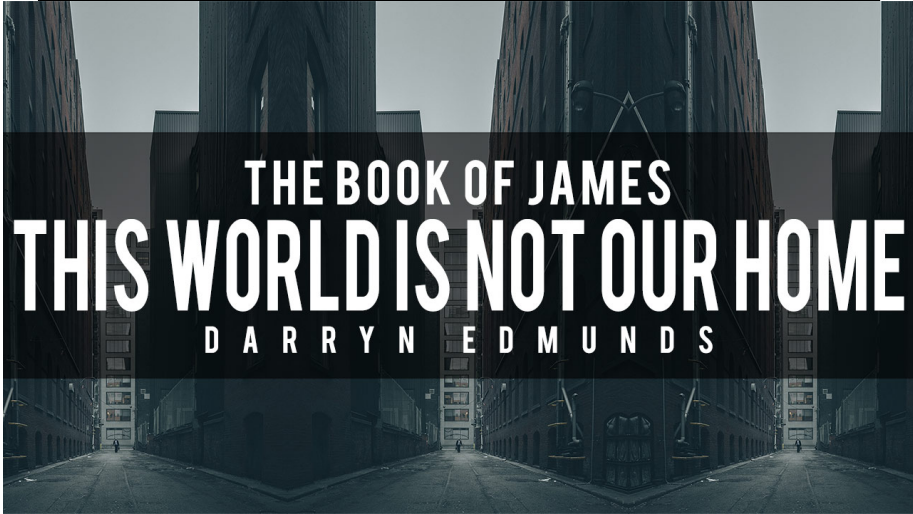


Oceanside Connect Group Outline

Week of May 15th, 2016



THE BOOK OF JAMES

THIS WORLD IS NOT OUR HOME

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Key Scriptures:

John 17:14–17 (ESV)

¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

¹⁵ I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

James 4:13–17 (ESV)

¹³ Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit”— ¹⁴ yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. ¹⁵ Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.” ¹⁶ As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. ¹⁷ So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

Discussion questions from this week’s sermon

One of the nick-names that James was called is “James the Bulwark.” **Why was James called that? Does that word have a place on your calling?**

What is a pilgrim? Read John 17:14-17. **In what sense do you think Jesus is calling us to be pilgrims here?**

Darryn said on Sunday that in a way this world should find Christians to be peculiar. **How much, week to week, do you find yourself “sticking out” from the crowd because of your faith? What makes you peculiar?**

All throughout the book of James, he calls us to do things differently. **What, over these 6 weeks, have you felt most challenged by? What has God highlighted most to you?**

Read James 4:3-5. **What practically do you think James means by “friendship with the world”?**

Read James 4:13-15. **Does being compared to “mist” make you feel discouraged or strangely empowered?**

In the “big decisions” in our lives, how much should we be willing to give over to God’s will?

What things do you, or can you, do to remind yourself that this world is not where your true citizenship lies?

Read Hebrews 12:1. **How does knowing your true citizenship help with laying things aside and running the race?**