

# YELLOW LIGHT

careful priorities  
careful community



## Week One | Careful Priorities | 10.31-11.01.2020

**Grow Deep Conversation Questions:** Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

**Message Recap:** Yellow lights are reminders to be cautious of our surroundings and proceed carefully. How do you respond to the yellow lights in your life? It's easy to go full speed ahead, but what can we learn by slowing down and looking around?

### » Opening (2-3 minutes)

- Introductions - this is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members
- Housekeeping - clarify expectations
  - **Announcements:** These are in your Community News email. **Please read and communicate! Encourage participation!**
  - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting
  - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - open your time together in prayer

### » Introduction (12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: What do you do at a yellow light?
- Digging Deeper: What does a yellow light actually mean? Why do you think we avoid slowing down?

### » Observation | Read James 4:1-12 (12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to this passage? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

### » Key Principle | What's Worth Fighting For? (12 minutes)

- What are some of the things our country thinks are worth fighting for? What might this say about us as a culture?
- What are the fights that you are wasting time on in your life?

### » Misplaced Loyalty | Reference James 4:1-4 (12 minutes)

- James has a tremendously unique story as Jesus' brother. Why do you think these topics were so important to him?
- What might actually be guiding our priorities right now?

### » Mixed Motives | Reference James 4:5-10 (12 minutes)

- How do you discern the difference between meaningful debate and unhealthy quarrels?
- How do you treat the advice of a celebrity, politician, or "expert" with more validity than wisdom from God?

### » Judgemental Attitudes | Reference James 4:11-12 (12 minutes)

- How does James indict those who judge their brothers?
- How can we choose to encourage others and exalt God with our speech? At home? At work? In the church?

### » Next Steps and Prayer | (15 minutes)

- How do James' words change the way you think about your priorities heading into the election?
- How can we avoid selfish ambition, especially in a confrontation?
- Close by praying for each other to slow down this week, taking time to think about what we say, do, and post.