



GOING DEEPER AT HOME

JUNE 12: WARNINGS

It seems these days every product we buy comes with some kind of warning label. Your toaster tells you not to stick a fork or knife inside to retrieve your bread while plugged in. Your curling iron tells you not to use on eyelashes. And the list goes on & on. Each warning label tells a story of someone who did something they shouldn't have. James does the same thing in his letter to the early church, giving 3 warnings of behaviour that tells a story that is contrary to the one God is writing.

SCRIPTURE:

James 4:11 - 5:6

GOING DEEPER QUESTIONS:

1. Do you pay attention to warning labels? Why or why not?
2. What is something from the message that stood out to you, was new or challenged you?
3. Read James 4:11, 12. The first warning is against criticizing & judging others. What leads us to doing this? Why do you think James warns us not to do this?
4. Read James 4:13 - 17. The second warning is against being arrogant in our planning. What leads us to making making plans that do not include God? Why do you think James warns us not to do this?
5. How does it make you feel that James compares our life to morning fog or mist? Why does he use this image?
6. Read James 5:1 - 6. The third warning is against hoarding wealth. What leads us to not being generous & hoarding wealth for ourselves? Why do you think James warns us not to do this?
7. Read Matthew 6:19, 20. Why is it important to lay up treasure in heaven instead of on earth?
8. Which warning do you need to pay attention to & why?
9. What step(s) is the Holy Spirit inviting you to take to respond to the warning?