

## Conversation Café

### Five Years from Now

Sometimes in our busy lives, we may forget to plan for the future. Yet we often can or need to take action now to prepare for the future. Talk with your conversation partners about both your big dreams and your concrete plans for the future.



#### Discussion Questions:

- What do I want to **do** five years from now? 
  - Where do I want to live?
  - Who do I want to live with?
  - Do I want to be married?
  - Do I want to have children?
  - Do I want to be in a career? If so, what kind of career?
  - Do I want to develop a hobby or skill? If so, what kind?
- What do I want to **be** five years from now?
  - Are there changes I'd like to make in myself?
  - What kind of character do I want to have?
- Ask yourself:
  - Am I **today** the person I wanted to be **five years ago**?
  - Am I **doing today**, the things I wanted to be doing **five years ago**? Why or why not?
- What will you do tomorrow that will move you toward your five-year goals?
- What kinds of obstacles might keep you from reaching your five-year goals?
- How often do you change your goals for the future?
- Are you sometimes happy when you don't meet your goals because your life turned in a different but more interesting direction than you planned? Give examples.

WHERE WILL  
**YOU BE**  
IN 5 YEARS?

**Jesus talked about the future.** He said:

“I tell you not to worry about your life. Don’t worry about having something to eat, drink, or wear. Can worry make you live longer?

Your Father in heaven knows that you need all of these. But more than anything else put God first and do what he wants. Then the other things will be yours as well. Don’t worry about tomorrow, tomorrow will worry about itself...”



Gospel of Matthew 6: 25, 27, 32-34

- ❖ Do you sometimes worry about the future?
- ❖ How do you stop worrying?
- ❖ What do you think of Jesus’ advice for how to stop worrying about the future?

## IDIOMS:



**A game plan** - a plan for achieving success, especially in business or politics. *“Part of the company’s game plan is to expand into Eastern Europe.”*



**Live like there's no tomorrow** – do something very quickly and eagerly with no thought for the future. *“She’s spending money like there’s no tomorrow and I don’t know how to stop her.”*



**Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die** - Enjoy yourself whenever you can, because you don’t know when you will die. *“Stella, this is a birthday party. Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die.”*



**Plan on it** (something or someone) - to be ready for something or someone; to prepare for something. *“If I were you, I would plan on a big crowd at your open house. Don’t plan on Sam. He has a cold and probably won’t come.”*