



DISCUSSION GUIDE

THIS WEEK: The Real Conflict - James 4:1-10

GETTING STARTED

James chapter 4 starts off with a great question. What seem to be the main things people most commonly disagree on and fight over?

Who is the most humble person you know? What are some ways you see humility lived out in them?

QUESTIONS FROM THE MESSAGE

- James says that “anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.” What did Jesus say about God and the world? (Matthew 6:24, John 15:18-19)
- How does being in love with the things of the world harm our relationship with God?
- Why do you think James is emphasizing so much the need to avoid arguments and to resolve conflicts? Why is this so important?
- How would you explain the concept of seeking humility to a non-believer?

EXPLORE THE PASSAGE [James 4:1-10]

- What does James say is the root cause of fights and quarrels between people? (vs 1)
- What are the 2 behaviors James criticizes? Why are they so significant? (vs 2-3)
- Why do we sometimes find it difficult to trust God with our conflicts? (vs 2-3)
- Why does James use the word “adulterer” in vs. 4?
- How can we avoid loving the world? (vs. 6, Prov. 3:34)
- How should we handle the devil and what are the guaranteed results? (vs 7)
- How does James describe the way we should come to God? (vs 7-10)
- How does God respond to us when we are humble before Him? (vs 10)

APPLICATION

- Can you think of at least one specific relationship where more humility on your part would help nurture a better relationship? Pray for an opportunity to show humility to that person this week.
- This week, is there an opportunity to apologize or bury the hatchet with an old disagreement/argument/broken relationship you’ve had?
- What may God be asking you to change, do differently, repent of, pray about, as a result of engaging with this passage?