



Sermon Discussion Guide

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SUMMARY

In our verses, James continues his tests of genuine faith. This time, it is with reference to our quarreling. By examining and unpacking the reality and cause of our conflicts, James invites us to consider what it means and looks like to be a true follower of Jesus - walking in humble submission and faithful loyalty to Him, and letting our desire to please Him be greater than our desire to please ourselves.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Intro

1. Have you ever been in an argument and mid-way through the thought hits you - something like - wait, why are we arguing about this, or this is not worth arguing over, or how did things escalate so quickly..?

Read James 4:1-3

2. When was the last time you were in an argument? What about? Share with the group.
 - a. By instinct, where do we typically locate the "cause" of that conflict?
 - b. How does this line up to what James says?
 - c. How might this truth shape the way you engage with others? (coworkers, neighbors, kids, etc..)
3. How does cultivating contentment and satisfaction in Christ relate to this?
 - d. What might that look like for you?

Read James 4:4-5

4. What does quarreling for selfish desires reveal about our hearts?
5. In what ways have you seen "friendship with the world" be a snare for churches?
 - a. Where have you seen the Lord deliver you from friendship with the world?
 - b. Where is God still growing you in this area?

Read James 4:6-10

6. In wrestling with selfishness and worldliness, what does James offer as the path forward?
 - a. List out all of the commands that James gives.
 - b. How does this list trace out the path of repentance?
 - c. If you were to define repentance in your own words, how close would your definition line up with what James outlines here?
7. What truths about God are highlighted in this passage that free us and motivate us to respond in humility?
8. How is humility before God the ultimate antidote to quarrels and conflict (v1)?