

Worldly Pleasures

Week 4 | James 4:1-5:6

James is a letter to the scattered church, encouraging them to live out their faith in unity in the midst of uncertainty for the **glory** of God.

Gospel Communities are a place where the context of family is cultivated and the content of the gospel is nurtured for the sake of spiritual growth and multiplication.

These communities are designed to foster a family-like environment through the means of eating together, praying for each other, and sharing our lives with one another.

At the same time, Gospel Communities are purposefully centered on the gospel, as it is the gospel that provides all measures of growth. Therefore, as you read the passage of Scripture, be sure to note how this text connects with the rest of the Bible and points to the good news of Jesus Christ.

BEFORE YOU START

Pray for God to illuminate his word, guide the conversation, and stir our souls.

What in your life is hard for you to surrender to the Lord? What is the biggest thing in your life that takes your focus off of Jesus?

Have someone read **James 4:1-5:6**.



What does James identify as being the cause of the quarrels and fights amongst his audience?



Compare the jealousy of God in verse 5 with the jealousy of humans in verse 2. What is the difference?



What pleasures and friendships of the world do you still tend to hold on to? What lies are you believing about these pleasures?



How will you "cleanse your hands" and "purify your hearts" from the pleasures of the world this week? How can this community help you to see the supremely satisfying nature of Christ?

BEFORE YOU'RE SENT

What is God teaching you? What are you going to do about it? How can we help?

How can we pray for you? For your neighbors?