



the book of James

Week 8

James 4:1-12



Key Verse

James 4:7-8 | Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you

Application Questions

- (4) HOW CAN YOU KEEP YOURSELF FROM BEING "CONFORMED TO THE PATTERN OF THIS WORLD" (ROM 12.2)?
- (7) WHAT ARE PRACTICAL WAYS THAT WE CAN "RESIST THE DEVIL"?
- (8) WHAT ARE PRACTICAL WAYS THAT WE CAN "DRAW NEAR TO GOD"?

Life Questions

- Anything we can pray for this week?
- Anyone hurting around you that we can pray for or love this week?

Potential Discussion Questions

- (3) Is it wrong to ask God for things like a new house, safer car, better job, etc?
 - If not, then what is the balance and how to you reconcile that with this verse?
- (4) What does James mean by "friendship with the world?"
 - Jesus was known to be "friends of sinners," what is the difference?
- (7) Compare James 4.7 to Ephesians 6.10-20; John 10.10, and 1 Peter 5:8-9.
 - What is Satan's goal?
 - What do we do because of that?
- (7) James says that the devil will flee if we resist. Does it always feel like that is the case?
- (7-8) Which is easier: resisting the devil, or drawing near to God? What happens if we try to do one without the other?
- (9-10) Compare this with Matthew 5.3-12, what do you think James and Jesus mean by this type of language?
- (11-12) Compare this with James 2.10-13, how does this help keep us from judging others?

reminder of purpose

The goal of studying Scripture is not simply to gain information, but rather:

- To get to Jesus (Jn 5.39-40)
- To obey it (James 1.22)
- To be transformed (Heb 4.12; 2 Tim 3.16-17)