



**Welcome:** Share how you encouraged someone last week.

**Worship:** Go around and share your favorite names for our God (i.e. Yahweh, Jehovah, Messiah, Advocate, etc.).

**Word:** Read *James 4:1-10*.

- What are some examples of the desires/excessive cravings that James is talking about in verse 1? Discuss how those desires/excessive cravings could actually be an indicator of a holy need in our life (e.g. pride = need for affirmation from God, sex = need for intimacy, etc.)
- What does James mean when he says "You do not have because you do not ask God."? What should we be asking God for?
- Read *Matthew 7:9-11*. What are some of the "good gifts" that Jesus is talking about?
- When Pastor Bryan talked about going to God for unspiritual things in a spiritual way, did you think of any personal examples in your life of how you may have done the same thing?
- How does James recommend that we respond to God's grace? (See verses 7-10)
- What is your one "take away" or personal application as a result of this week's passage and teaching?

**Witness:** Do something selfless and loving for one person who has offended, frustrated or who you believe doesn't like you.

**Looking Ahead:** Read *James 4:11-17*.