



WEEK 9: The War in Your Heart

Ice Breaker

Would you rather get rich in a way that disappoints your family or just make enough money to live?

Watch the Video

Scripture

| Read James 4: 1 - 10 | Remember, James is not talking to everyone. James is only speaking to those who are Jewish followers of Jesus. He is talking to the early church! It isn't those other people with no faith in Jesus that are double minded. James is talking to us.

It turns out wanting what others have is a regular part of church life. James seems to know that we will do anything to fulfill any desires we have that don't come from God's Kingdom.

| Read Matthew 6:24 | This is a common theme in the New Testament. We simply cannot make peace between the warring sides in our hearts. One or the other will win. Both Jesus and James are rooting for you to side with the Kingdom of God!

| Read Matthew 6:31 - 33 | This scripture worth memorizing tells us that when we put God first, all of His priorities above all of mine, God will take care of your needs. That doesn't mean we will get everything on our Christmas list. It's more like God shaping our hearts so we desire what He is ready to give.

Discussion Questions

| The hardest part of this seems to be becoming willing to desire something else, right? In order to desire only the Kingdom, we must let go of our own expectations. What do you think today's church struggles with the most when it comes to envy of other folks stuff?

| What are some practical ways we can shape our life to leave room for God to do this work in us?

Application

| Confess to one another the things not of God's Kingdom that drive your decisions. Pray for each other.

| Memorize Matthew 6:33.

Praises and Prayer Requests

Make a list of what everyone in the group can be praying for throughout the week.