

**James: Faith in Action**  
**Warning Against Worldliness**  
**James 4:11-12**

**TALK IT OVER**

**Passages**

*"4 What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? 2 You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. 4 You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. 5 Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? 6 But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you." – James 4:1-10(ESV)*

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**Start Talking: Find an announcement or mission for your group. (15 Min)**

- When is our next outreach party?
- Feb. 22: Attend Ash Wednesday as a Life Group
- Was there any one thing that you most agreed with or disagreed with from last weekend's message? What was it and why?

**Head: Start Thinking about the Text. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)**

- The sermon text was James 4:1-10 and can be found on the left-hand side. To keep the study fresh please read 1 John 2:15-17 in your Bible for your life group main text.
- Why can't you love the world and have the love of God in you?
- What is it that the world loves? What things does God love?

**Heart: Start Sharing how the Text is shaping our beliefs. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)**

- When have you chosen worldly desires over Godly ones? What was the outcome of that choice?
- Can we be in the world but not of it? What does that mean? How do you do that?

**Hands: Start living the Text. Commit to believing or obeying the text this week. (10 Min)**

- How can you take off jealousy and pride this week?
- Instead of playing the comparison game, make a gratitude list.

**Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)**

- For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

**Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. Pick a question. (15 Min)**

1. Who is one non-believer or someone without a church home that you need to reach out to this week?
2. What kind of conversations are you having with people you are reaching out to?
3. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
4. What's a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
5. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
6. Pray for one another.