



STUDY GUIDE EIGHT – FROM SERMON ON NOVEMBER 2

Conflict is everywhere—in homes, workplaces, even churches. James reminds us that these struggles often begin within our own hearts. He calls us to turn from selfish desires, draw near to God, and walk in humility instead of pride. In this passage, we'll explore what fuels our quarrels, how God responds with grace, and what it means to submit fully to Him. As we study, let's invite God to search our hearts and lead us into peace with Him and with others.

READ JAMES 4:1-3 TOGETHER

According to James, what causes fights and quarrels among people? How does this contrast with how we typically explain conflict?

How do selfish desires affect our prayers (vv. 2–3)? What does this reveal about our hearts?

Can you identify a time when unchecked desires caused conflict in your life or relationships?

READ JAMES 4:4-6 TOGETHER

What does James mean by calling believers “adulterous people” (v. 4)? Why is friendship with the world equal to enmity with God?

How do verses 5–6 highlight God’s jealousy for our hearts and His grace for the humble? What does that look like in daily life?

READ JAMES 4:7-10 TOGETHER

James gives several commands: submit, resist, draw near, wash, purify, grieve, humble. Which of these stands out to you, and why?

What does it practically mean to “submit to God” and “resist the devil”? How do these actions go hand-in-hand?

How does the promise “He will draw near to you” (v. 8) encourage you in your spiritual walk?

READ JAMES 4:11-12 TOGETHER

Why is speaking against or judging others so serious in God’s eyes? How does it connect to pride?

How does remembering that God alone is Judge shape the way we speak about others?

WRAPPING IT UP

Which of James’ warnings hits closest to home for you—selfish desires, worldly values, lack of humility, or judgmental attitudes?

What is one specific way you can “draw near to God” this week?

Close your time together by praying for one another.