

THE BOOK OF JAMES

Leader Conversation Guide – James (Part IV)

Main Idea

This week Pastor Curt continued in our summer series through the book of James. So far, we've tackled topics like tests, trials, faith, and the power of words. This week Pastor Curt unpacked selfishness. James is a hard-hitting book full of truth that will challenge your attitudes and ideas about life.

"And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires."

GALATIANS 5:17 NLT

Make It Practical: Selfishness vs Humility

- Selfishness is rooted in sin. Read (Galatians 5:17/James 4:2)
 - Selfishness forgets God. Read (James 4:3-4/Psalm 37:4)
 - Selfishness is infatuated with the world. Read (Exodus 20:3/James 4:5)
 - Selfishness fights with people. Read (James 4:1-2/James 4:6)
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- Humility releases grace. Read (James 4:7)
 - Humility resists the devil. Read (James 4:8-9)
 - Humility runs to Jesus.

Talk About It

- What part of this message impacted you the most?
- What things in your life are trying to squeeze out the authority of God?
- What can you do to focus the authority of your life under God, rather than the world?

Our spiritual authority is connected to our spiritual humility.

Prayer

Father, thank You for Your righteousness. Despite our failures and wavering, You remain firm as Lord over all. Holy Spirit, help us to recognize the things in our lives that try to draw us away from You. Forgive us for the times when we allow our selfishness to overtake us and lose sight of You. Teach us to love You stronger than the things of this world. Lead us in humility. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Leader Tip

Encourage Group members over the next week to keep track of the time they are spending consuming media, as opposed to spending time with the Lord. What does this difference look like? What can we do to prioritize our relationship with the Lord over the things of this world that distract us?

