



COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

Mirrors: The Book of James - Part 6

Why We Fight

INTRODUCTION

This weekend we looked at the beginning of the fourth chapter of James. James gives his audience a sobering warning about their worldliness. They are pridefully fighting with one another, and James shows them what is really going on in their hearts. They are quarreling with one another because their hearts are pridefully loving the world instead of humbly serving God. James is holding up the mirror and reminding them who they are as Christians.

BIBLE STUDY

A good way to study the Bible is by using three steps: Observation, Interpretation, and Application. We want to observe the passage first to get an idea of what is happening. Then we interpret the meaning of the passage so that we can apply it to our lives. The following questions will follow this pattern as we look through this Biblical passage.

Scripture: Read James 4:1-12

Observation

1. What are the main problems that James is addressing in this passage?

2. What is the ultimate problem that James points to that causes all the other quarrels and worldliness?

Interpretation

1. Why are God and the world so opposed? How does this affect us as Christians?
2. Why is God jealous for the spirit in us?
3. Why is God so opposed to the proud and give grace to the humble?
4. How do we ultimately reconcile with others who we quarrel with?

Application

1. How can we protect ourselves from pride and pursue humility?
2. In what ways can you reflect the Gospel in the midst of dealing with conflict?

Homework: Decide one action step you will take from this discussion.

PRAYER

Pray for Mission Team going to Eastern Europe. As a church we need to be in prayer for God's blessing and grace over each of our short term trips. The Church in the book of Acts is continually praying for the Gospel to go forth from them. It should be the same with us today!

3 things to pray:

1. For evangelistic effectiveness.
2. That we will be an encouragement for local church planters there.
3. That we will get a vision for future church planting work among the unreached people groups there.