

## **The Letter From James** **“Humble Yourself”**

Text: James 4:1-10

Purpose: In this passage, James writes against those who fracture community (intentionally or unintentionally) due to selfish ambition. Instead, we are to draw near to God and humble ourselves among others, resulting in peace.

Opening Interaction: When in life have you felt most at peace?

Read and Discuss: James 4:1-10

- In this passage, what details seem important? What jumps out at you?
  - What is the author communicating to his audience?
  - What does this passage teach us about God?
1. Reflecting on Conflict: James 4:1-12 discusses the source of quarrels and fights among God’s people. Can you share a recent conflict you’ve experienced? What desires or ambitions contributed to this conflict? How did you know?
  2. The Role of Prayer: In James 4:2-3, it is mentioned that sometimes we do not have because we do not ask, and when we ask, we ask with wrong motives. How can we align our prayers with God’s will instead of our selfish desires?
  3. Friendship with the World: James 4:4 warns against friendship with the world, equating it with enmity against God. What does it mean to be a friend of the world, and how can we guard against this in our daily lives?
  4. Humility & Grace: James 4:6-7 speaks about the importance of humility and submitting to God. How can we cultivate a humble heart in our relationships and interactions within our faith community?
  5. Drawing Near to God: In James 4:8-10, we are encouraged to draw near to God, cleanse our hands, and purify our hearts. What practical steps can we take this week to draw nearer to God and demonstrate humility in our actions and attitudes?

Close with Prayer