

James: More than Words

A study for Community Groups to use the week of September 21st

To prepare for your group discussion each week, group members should use the **Community Group Discussion Guide** to complete the **GOD'S WORDS** and **MY WORDS** columns using the scripture below.

Week Seven: James 4:1-12

Overview

Everyone talks about faith, but what does real faith actually look like? In a world full of noise, opinions, and empty promises, the book of James cuts through the fluff with a bold message: faith isn't just something you say, it's something you live. This series explores how belief in Jesus should shape everyday life, from how we speak, to how we suffer, how we treat others, and how we make decisions. More Than Words is a practical walk through the book of James. It's a call to a faith that shows up, not just on Sundays, but in the moments that matter most.

Passage: James 4:1-12. “ James 4 continues the same topic of strife, and addresses now not only the teachers of 3:14 but also the rest of the brotherhood who are in similar sin: strife springs from within (vv. 1-3) and is fostered by worldliness; love of the world and love of God cannot coexist (vv. 4-6); Christians must resist the devil and draw near to God (vv. 7-10).” - *Constable Notes*

Questions

*The questions below are designed to supplement the standard questions that we provide in our Group Discussion Guide; *Who have you had the opportunity to BLESS this week? What does this reveal about God? About People? About the Life He has planned for us?*

1. James begins the chapter by addressing quarrels and arguments that we experience. How have you experienced what James describes in your own relationships?
2. In v.7-10 James lists a series of commands beginning with the command to submit to the Lord. What is the importance of the order? Which of the commands do you find most challenging?
3. James puts a major emphasis on humility. How would you describe what humility is? How do you cultivate it in your own life?
4. As you think of the passage and the variety of areas it addresses what stands out most to you? What one command or application do you feel you most need to put into practice this week?