

Small Group Discussion

Text: James 4:1-17

1. Do you think that fights are still common in a church?
 - a) If so, why?
 - b) What does James say is the cause of fights within a church?

2. Do you think that people who cause quarrels in a church are aware that they are the problem?
 - a) Can you list a valid reason (from text) to cause a quarrel in a church?
 - b) According to the passage in James, what is the cause of most conflicts?

3. In vs 3 James says that we do not receive answers to our prayers because our prayers are for our self-interest.
 - a) Give examples of prayers that are self-interest prayers.
 - b) Reword that prayer to be something God would answer.

4. Vs 4 – James says we cannot be friends of God and friends with the world.
 - a) What does friendship with the world mean?
 - b) How does friendship with the world demonstrate itself in a person's life?

5. Vs 11 – James returns to the use of our tongue.
 - a) Why do you think James has so much to say about our tongue?
 - b) What is James' rationale for telling us not to speak evil of another believer?

6. Discuss the implications of verse 17 to how we live out our daily lives.
 - a) What should a Christian's attitude towards sin be?
 - b) This passage refers to sins of omission. Sin is categorized in two ways, Omissions (things we should do, but don't) and Commissions (things we shouldn't do, but do).
 - c) List some examples of sins of omission.