

DISCUSSION GUIDE

FAITH THAT WORKS |

THE HEART AND CURE OF CONFLICT

MARCH 17/18 | JAMES 4

FOR STARTERS (Pick one or two)

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged you or raised questions?
2. How do you think most people answer James' question in 4:1, "what causes fights and quarrels among you?"
3. Have you ever experienced a church fight? What was it over, what happened and how did it impact you?

DIGGING IN (Read James 4:1-5:6)

1. List the three things behind conflict listed in verses 1-5.
2. What do we learn about God in verses 5-6?
3. Humility bookends the section 5:6-10. What do these verses teach us about humility? Write a short definition of humility that a 5th grader could understand.
4. What are the three areas that require more grace in 4:11-5:6, and what do they all have in common?

BRINGING IT HOME

1. Discuss James 5:1-6. Assume that it's talking about us- we are rich.
 - How does it fit in context? Look at 4:17.
 - When does our wealth go bad?
 - Think through ways we could be cheating people from their wages.
 - How does God's grace keep us from hoarding and self-indulgent living?
2. Share different ways you draw near to God.
3. On your own, think through a recent conflict and analyze your desires. What did you want and what would have been different if you followed what God wanted?

MESSAGE NOTES

Belonging to a small group is a great way to grow spiritually. If you would like to join a group or get more information, contact Deanna Wheeler at dwheeler@doorcreekchurch.org