

COME NEAR TO GOD

James 4:1-17

Key verse 8

Discussion questions:

- How does having the mindset of the world cause conflicts in Christian life and community?
- How can we rededicate and renew our lives to God?

Inductive study questions:

1. What causes fights and quarrels? (1-2a) Give an example of this from everyday life. Why may we not be getting what we want? (2b-3) How do our worldly desires affect our relationship with God? (4) Why? (5)
2. How does God help us in our worldliness? (6) What is submission to God? How can we resist the devil and come near to God? How does this allow God's favor to fall on us? (7-10)
3. Why is slander against a brother or sister a serious sin? (11) In what form does our slander or judging usually take place? Who alone can judge and why? (12)
4. Who does James speak to here? (13) How can our plans for our lives subtly ignore God? (14) How ought we to plan things? (15) What do our own plans reveal about us? (16) Rather, what should we seek most in life? (17)