

# JAMES

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## James 4:4-10 Discussion Guide

Week of 5/1/22

**Icebreaker:** On a scale of 1-10, how humble are you? 😊

**Getting Started:** Read James 4:4-10 as a group.

**1.** James makes a sharp distinction in verse 4 between being a friend of the world or a friend of God. Why can't we befriend both?

*Application:* What are some examples of how we might be a friend of the world?

**2.** What do you think James means by calling God "jealous" in verse 5? (See Exodus 20:5 for another reference to God's jealousy.)

*Application:* How could God's jealousy toward us be a reassurance of His love for us?

**3.** God's grace is needed for people who provoke God's jealousy. Why do you think pride keeps people from receiving grace?

*Application:* What are some major differences we can observe between the life of a person who's proud and one who's humble? If we struggle with pride, is there anything we can do to become more humble?

**4.** Humility may be a posture of our heart, but it leads to action. According to verses 7-10, what should humility look like in a person's life?

*Application:* Think about these actions in light of your life. What stands in the way of our pursuit of humility?

**5.** Read Luke 18:9-14. What traits of pride and humility do you see in Jesus' parable?

*Application:* Both this passage in Luke and James 4:10 tell us that it is possible for us to humble ourselves. As a group, discuss actions you could take this next week to facilitate a greater humility in our lives.