



### **Life Group Notes - No Nonsense Christianity - Week 10 - James 4:1-10**

When was the last time you had a fight or argument and what was it about?

Read James 4:1 what does James say is the root cause of our fights and arguments?

Look at 4:2 James uses the word 'you' six times, how often do you think arguments the result of selfish living? Can you think of any examples?

Read Matthew 5:21-24 what priority does Jesus place on our treatment of others? What might this mean for us today?

Look at 4:3 is James saying that God isn't interested in our desires? (Philippians 4:6)

Read Matthew 20:20-28 how do the disciples react the mothers request? What does this reveal about their motivation? What does Jesus say our motivation should be?

Look at 4:4 James uses two very strong words 'adulators' and 'enemies' how do you think the early believers would have felt hearing theses words?

This is not the first time God has used adultery to describe his relationship with us (read Hosea 1:2) what's does this reveal about God's heart for us?

James suggests that "friendship with the world" causes us to become an enemy of God - what do you think this means? (Romans 5:10)

Look at 4:6 What does James say is Gods response to us when we are unfaithful? (Hosea 3:1)

Look at 4:7-8 What are the two promises James makes in these passages? Practically speaking how do we resist the devil / draw near to God?

Look at 4:10 Why do you think it is necessary for us to humble ourselves before the Lord?

Read Luke 15:21-24 What was the fathers response when the son humbled himself before him? What encouragement can we take from this?