



August 29th Discussion Guide

Humility and Love - James 4:1-12

This is a 5 week study in the Book of James. Content for this discussion guide is based on the sermon, so participation in weekly worship will enhance the conversation on this topic. If you want to watch the sermon it can be viewed at [Sermons Archive - Good Shepherd Church Naperville](#)

Prayer

Open your group in prayer.

Icebreaker (10 min)

Share a funny meme, message, or video you saw on social media/news this week that lifted you up, encouraged you, or made you laugh.

Discussion (45 min)

1. Read James 4:1-5.
 - a. What causes fights and quarrels among people? (James was writing to Jewish Christians)
 - b. How do you handle conflict?
 - c. When you have had a conflict, have you thought to ask “what do I want out of this situation and what are my motives?” Why or why not?
2. Read Ephesians 3:20, Matthew 7:7-12.
 - a. Do you tend to turn to God and ask Him for what you want?
 - b. How has that changed the outcome of your situation?
3. Read 1 Peter 5:8-9:
 - a. Who is our enemy?
 - b. Read Revelation 12:10-12 and 20:10. What is the final outcome for him?
4. Read James 4:6-10 and 1 Peter 5:5-7:
 - a. From these verses, list what you can do to win a conflict in which you find yourself?
 - b. Read Philippians 2:5-8. How did Jesus humble Himself? What is a situation, relationship, or conversation where you needed to humble yourself?
5. Read James 4:11-12 and Matthew 22:37-40. How are we to behave toward one another?

Application question: Where were you most convicted by this passage of James? What will you focus on this week to reduce conflict, humble yourself, and love others?

LORD, you have already won the war, but every day we find ourselves in battle! We want the grace You give through humility. Show us areas where we can better humble ourselves and love others. Give us the supernatural ability to humble ourselves as Jesus did.

