



Leader

10/4 - James 4:1-10

LOVE

A new commandment I give to you, that you love *one another*... (John 13:34)

- *Internal*: How was your week? Any new life updates? How was your walk with the Lord this week?
- *External*: Practically, is there any individual or family that needs encouragement from us as a group?

TRUTH

Let the word of God dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing *one another*... (Col. 3:16)

1. When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what most resonated with you?

[\[Open Discussion\]](#)

2. Let's read our primary text. According to James, what is the real source of quarrels and fights among believers?

[Not primarily external circumstances or other people, but internal "passions" \(desires/pleasures\) that are at war within us. Conflict with others flows out of unresolved conflict in our own hearts.](#)

3. Why does James call his readers "adulterous people" in verse 4? What other verses come to mind that speak to this earthly desire?

[Because friendship with the world is spiritual unfaithfulness to God, like marital adultery. Choosing the world's values, pleasures, and approval makes a person an enemy of God, breaking covenant loyalty to Him. \[Mark 8:36 - For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?\]](#)

4. How does verse 5 describe God's heart toward His people?

[God "yearns jealously" over the spirit He has placed in us. He is not indifferent; He is passionately protective in His love.](#)

5. What is the first and foundational command in the series of commands (vv. 7–10)? Why is this first one so important?

["Submit yourselves therefore to God." Submission \(placing ourselves under God's authority and His Lordship\) is the starting point. Everything else...resisting the devil, drawing near, cleansing, etc. flows from this starting point. Do you orient around God's will or do you try to make God orient around you?](#)

6. Verse 10 emphasizes humility. Why is humility so important? How did Jesus show us this?

[The path to being lifted up by God is through humility \(see also John 3:30, Philippians 2:1-11\).](#)

7. In what ways might you be cultivating "friendship with the world" (values, entertainment, priorities, or relationships) that pull you away from wholehearted loyalty to God?

[\[Open Discussion\]](#)

8. When you pray, do you tend to ask God mainly to fulfill your own desires, or to align your desires with His? How might you begin to pray differently this week?

[\[Open Discussion\]](#)

9. James says God gives more grace to the humble. Is there an area of pride or self-reliance you need to bring before the Lord in repentance so you can receive that grace?

[\[Open Discussion\]](#)

10. Any other thoughts you would like to share before we wrap up this text?

[\[Open Discussion\]](#)

GREAT COMMISSION

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)

- *Internal*: Did you make time to disciple your family this week? Pray with them?
- *External*: Is your life marked by joy/contentment? Are you prepared to share the gospel if the Holy Spirit prompted? Is the name of Jesus on your lips in your day-to-day activity?

CONFESSION/PRAYER/REPENTANCE

But exhort *one another* every day, as long as it is called "today," ... (Heb. 3:12-14)

- Confession is agreeing with God about our sin according to the Scriptures. Is there anything you want to confess before the group (generally)? [*apathy, idolatry, selfishness, jealousy, anger, envy*]
- Let's pray, asking God to help us apply His word to our lives.

Sources:

- ESV Study Bible Commentary
- GotQuestions.org
- Multiple AI Resources