

Conflict & Grace | James 4:1-12

Study Questions

We discussed that certain unchecked passions could lead to conflict. What do you do when you start to feel envious and jealous? Do you frequently ask Jesus to give you what you need, or what you want? Are you able to process the motives behind your requests? Are your requests for his glory or your pleasure? Have unchecked passions ever led you to quarrel, fight or even wage war against somebody?

Read James 4:6. What does James mean when he says God gives “greater grace?” What does it mean that God “resists” the proud. Has God ever resisted your pride? Do you find yourself arguing with non-believers or Christians? In what ways do you react to things that are out of your control? Do you have a heart of conflict or grace? This verse tells us that God’s greater grace is available to those who humble themselves. What does humility look like in you?

The antidote to conflict is pursuing Jesus. Pursuing Jesus is the first step in resisting the Devil. Drawing near to God involves a change in our heart, our words and our actions. Share examples of what a heart change looks like in you. Share an example of where your language can change to reflect your passion for Jesus. Share an example of a behavior, one that can be seen publicly, that reflects a posture of humility. Encourage and pray for each other this week to pursue Jesus in those specific ways.