

# COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

JAMES - FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD - 02/09/2025

## COMMUNION

- At some point during your gathering, take communion together.
- Read a Scripture about drawing near to God through Christ or use Hebrews 10:19-22
- spend a moment in silence to experience the presence of Christ

## REVIEW

- conflict between people is often the result of conflict within people. We want our own way and don't get it, rather than act in love, we can act in ways that cause conflict and division
- According to James, the reason we have internal turmoil and outward conflict with each other is because we have not asked God to satisfy us
- God is jealous for your friendship.
- There is a greater grace that God gives to the humble. "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." This theme is deeply embedded in the bible story.
- Submitting to God is about trust and loyalty. It is an approach to life that is rooted in a belief that God is generous and He cares about me – so I can seek the well being of others and not have to seek my self interests first.
- As we see in the Cain and Abel story, humans often decide that getting the power to do what they want is worth the cost of harming other people
- God is ready and willing to draw near to you if you draw near to Him
- there has to be a place in our spiritual walk for honest assessment and repentance

## DISCUSSION

1. How has your time been since our last gathering? How did you see God at work in you or around you?

**Read: James 4:1–10**

2. What stood out to you from this week's teaching? Was there anything challenging, encouraging, or confusing to you?
3. Think about a recent conflict you experienced. What deeper desires or unmet needs were at play?
4. What has been your experience in regards to friendship with God?
5. Is there an area of life that you need to humble yourself and learn to submit to God?