

NOTES & QUOTES



FAITH IN OUR EXAMPLE
WEEK 7 - AUGUST 15, 2021

CONNECT (BUILD RELATIONSHIPS)

1. Would you change the way you were living if you could see your future? Why or why not?
2. What are the top one or two things you want more than anything in your life?
3. What do you and your family tend to argue about most often? What motivates you and your family to argue about these things?

THRIVE (EXPLORE BIBLICAL TRUTH)

4. Read James 4:1-5. What does James identify as the major cause/source of conflict with others?
5. In verse 4, James uses strong language when he accuses his hearers of spiritual adultery. What does he want them to recognize about their behavior? See Isaiah 54:5, Jeremiah 3:20 and 1 John 2:15-17.
6. What two things are necessary to thwart the efforts of the devil? (James 4:7). What can we learn about these two things from Jesus' example in Matthew 4?

7. What is involved in "drawing near to God" according to James 4:7-10? How do you put these into action in your life?
8. Why do you think James returns to the issue of the tongue in verse 11 and 12 after his call to repentance in verse 7-10?
9. How can a proper attitude toward God (James 4:12) enable us to have a proper attitude toward others?

COMMIT (BE ON MISSION)

10. In what areas of your life are you most prone to selfish pride? What is one step you could take this week to acknowledge your insufficiency and Christ's sufficiency in that area of your life?
11. How might your family/friend or your small group help you pursue humility?
12. Who is someone in your life with whom you are having conflict or an uneasy relationship? How can God's grace help with that relationship?

PAUSE, PONDER & PRAY

"But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."

James 4:6

"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up."

James 4:10