

# James: Undivided

4:1-10



1. What insight, principle or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye opening or troubling? Please explain.
2. Read only the very first question in James 4:1. How would you answer that? When you think of a kid fight, teenage fights, marriage fights, company fights, international fights (wars) and church fights, is the answer different or the same?
3. Read the rest of James 4:1-2. Did some of your answers from the previous question overlap with James' conclusions in these verses about what was going on with the Christians in his context?
4. Why does an "I want that" (envy) mentality cause so much division? Much envy revolves around a desire for position (power, status, talent,) or possessions. Which are you most easily envious of or desire to have? How have you seen that be harmful to your relationships?
5. Read James 4:3-5. James ties a lot of the fighting to our wrong desire. Desire isn't bad when it is godly rather than selfish. How have you tried to find peace, joy, contentment, and/or happiness by desiring things in this world (pleasures, stuff, or going to addiction or harmful behaviors) rather than seeking God?
6. Read Psalm 37:6. What does this tell us about our desires and their outcome?
7. Read James 4:6-10. Desiring and chasing anything other than God is a form of idolatry, including the simple act of selfishness that doesn't care for the needy, or uses power to get what one wants. According to these verses, what are some responses that a Christian should have when faced with the inevitable idolatry of one's life?
8. Submit and resist. What is an area in your life where you are living divided, trying to do things God's way and your own way (seeking power, influence, control, pleasure, status, living in an addiction or with harmful behaviors to cope with life)? What would it look like to repent, by submitting and resisting? What can you do right now, this week to start a plan of submitting to God (read Psalm 119:9-11)?
9. How can the group hold you accountable over the next weeks and months to your plan to submit and resist? (Be specific about your plan and what they are holding you to.) Pray together.

