

FAITH THAT HITS HARD: WEEK 5

James 4:1-17

MESSAGE RECAP

In James 4, we're challenged to get real about the games we play – both with others and with God. Our fights often come from battles inside us: selfish desires, pride, or insecurities. James warns us not to approach God with selfish motives or treat Him like just the “giver.” He reminds us that God wants a humble, surrendered heart. When we put ourselves first and plan without God, we show our pride and forget that life is short, a mist that vanishes. Instead, James calls us to submit to God, resist the devil, and draw near to Him. The core challenge: If you know the good, you should do – do it. Don't wait!

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. After listening to the message, what stood out to you?
2. Have you ever waited too long to do something you knew was right? What happened? What would you do differently now?
3. Read James 4:1-3.
 - a. Why do you think our internal battles often lead to conflict with others?
 - b. What might be some wrong motives we carry into our prayers?
4. Read James 4:4-6
 - a. What does “Friendship with the world” look like today?
 - b. How does pride get in the way of your relationship with God?
 - c. Why does God's grace matter so much to your relationship with Him?
5. Read James 4:7-17
 - a. How does drawing near to God change us?
 - b. How do you typically include (or forget) God in your plans?
6. What is one “Good thing” you know God is calling you to do, but you've been putting off?

PRAY

End your group time in prayer.