

**SCRIPTURE:** James 4:1-10

1. **BELONG** – We do not use this section as a space filler, but as a genuine time to slow down and assess how people are doing in their personal and spiritual lives. Feel free to change the questions, but the point is to truly sit in this moment to allow time and space for encouraging relational connection.
  - A. What about your current season of life excites or frustrates you?
  - B. What obstacles or problems do you find yourself wrestling with?
  - C. How have you been growing spiritually over the past several weeks/months?
    - With this conversation in mind, spend some time praying for one another.
2. **DISCOVER** – Read James 4:1-10 together. This section is all about discovering the Word together. Be an active listener as people respond to the text; ask them follow up questions. Help the group think through what is being said and how it applies to them directly.
  - A. Thinking back to Brad’s message on this passage, what points or illustrations come to mind?
  - B. Given the context of this chapter and book, how would you summarize the primary theme of this section of scripture?
  - C. What truth(s) does this passage teach us about the character of **God**?
    - Can you think of any other passages in scripture that support this truth?
  - D. What truth(s) does this passage teach us about the character of **mankind**?
    - Can you think of any other passages in scripture that support this truth?
  - E. How do the truth(s) communicated in this passage apply to each of us as followers of Jesus?
3. **GO** – Take time to apply the text. We are stewards of the learnings from the Word. Once we hear truth, we are called to live it out. If our groups just sit and talk about information, they won’t experience transformation. This section is about holding one another accountable to living out what we’re learning.
  - A. How would you answer James’ question from verse 1? What are some of the passions of the flesh that you personally war against?
  - B. Have you ever asked God for something and not received it? How would you describe your motive behind that request?
  - C. What are some of your regular practices that help you draw near to God? What does it look like for you to grieve over the sin in your life? How does that lead to humility?
4. **PRAY** - Petition the Lord together as you close out your group time. How might the truths in these scriptures impact the way you live your life and make a spiritual difference in the lives of those you influence?
  - A. Pray for clarity of vision of what obedience to the Lord looks like in this season of your life.
  - B. Pray for the nations around the globe, particularly unreached people groups.
  - C. Share prayer needs and pray for one another as a group.