Bible Summary
James 4:1-10

James chapter 4 opens with the question: "What causes fights and quarrels among you?" Whenever we encounter conflict, the natural and easy thing to do is to blame other people and see them as the problem. However, James tells us that the problem is with us and with our view of God's character. The key is repentance; we need to repent about how we see God, how we see the enemy, and how we see our own sin.

Bible Questions & Application

(These are meant to aid in facilitating conversation.
There is no obligation to run through **every** listed question.)

1. What stood out most from Sunday's message?
2. Thinking back to the last time you were in a fight with someone, what was the root cause of the conflict?
3. What does James say is the root cause of conflict? (James 4: 1-4)
4. People and circumstances can lead us to fight each other, but the Bible tells us that we fight not against flesh and blood but against the powers and principalities of darkness. How can this knowledge change the way we navigate through conflict?
5. What does Satan gain by attacking the character of God? What can we do to fight the enemy's lies?
6. Repentance may not be the first thing that comes to mind in a fight, so why do you think James tells us to first repent and submit ourselves to God?
   a. Have you ever thought of repentance as moving you closer to God?
   b. How does your repentance then affect your relationship with others?
7. "You are only as close to God as you want to be." What do you think this means?
8. Is your heart aware of and sensitive to sin? If not, how can you take sin more seriously?
9. This week, ask God to show you any relationships or circumstances that you may need to repent about. Then submit yourself to God and remember He grants you grace.

"Getting to know you" Questions

1. Since we last met, what are a couple things you're particularly thankful for? (Philippians 4:8)
2. Have you seen any victories?
3. What is a challenge you are facing right now?
4. What is one thing you are looking forward to?