

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Open your group with a prayer. Use this sheet as a guide; select the points you want to discuss.

GETTING STARTED

1. Finish this sentence: "I always get angry with someone when they _____."
2. How do you usually respond to a conflict?

DIGGING DEEPER

3. Read James 4:1. James sees conflict as a symptom of what deeper problem?
4. Read James 3:18 and John 14:27. What is peace a sign of and why is it important?
5. Read Galatians 5:17. How does it help to be aware of this duality?
6. Read James 4:4. Explain James' use of "adulterous" in this context.
7. Read 1 John 2:15-17. What does it mean to be friends with the world?
8. Read James 4:5 and its footnotes. Compare it to Exodus 20:5. How does this relate to "adultery" of verse 4?

9. Read James 4:7; Ephesians 6:11-13 & 1 Peter 5:8-9. What steps are involved in "resisting the devil?"
10. Why can't a Christian blame everything on the devil?
11. Read James 4:7-8a. How do you "submit to God?"
12. Read James 4:8b-10. How do these verses describe repentance?
13. In James 4:11-12 he tells them to change their fault-finding, judgmental attitudes. How can James 1:19 help them change?

LIVING IT OUT

14. Where is your biggest battle in dealing with conflict?
15. How can others pray for a change in you?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

"Come near to God and he will come near to you."

- James 4:8a

