

# LifeGroup Meeting

Resist 1

“Resist Friendship with the World”

## **Get To Know You Question:**

Who was your best friend in High School? What made them your best friend?

## **Let's Dig Deeper**

1. Someone read all of **James 4:1-6**. Spend some time and share some key words that spoke out to you while reading. What is it about those words that spoke to you? Try to find something that you didn't see last time you read this.
2. Where does our view of the “world” come from? How does our view of the world match up to the view James has? Is there anything in us that needs to change to match James' view?
3. Friendship with the world brings conflict in three areas: 1), conflict with others, 2), conflict with ourselves, and 3), conflict with God. Break down each of those three and explain why you think it brings conflict or not.
4. **Conflict with Others (James 4:1).**
  - James asks a great question I would like for you to discuss: “What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you?”
  - What does James say is the root cause of fights and quarrels between people?
  - Consider a conflict you have been involved in. What did it reveal about your heart? How did it affect your prayers?
  - How can your fights and quarrels with other people show you that you may be falling more in love with the world than with God?
5. **Conflict with Yourself (James 4:1-3).**
  - What do you think James meant when he said that your passions are at war within you? What is your passions warring against? Why do you think that is?

- Someone read **1 John 2:15-17**. Break down and explain what you think John meant when he explained the three things that will bring conflict within yourself: 1) the desires of the flesh. 2) the desires of the eyes, and 3) the pride of life.
- How can those three things make you a spiritual adulterer before God?
- How can a Christian break free from those three things and enhance their friendship with God?

## 6. Conflict with God (James 4:4-6).

- Why do you think James equates friendship with the world as being an adulteress?
- Explain why you think people who have a friendship with the world becomes an enemy of God?
- Can authentic true believers in Christ ever become enemies of God? Explain your reasoning?
- Pastor Scott mentioned that one of the first signs that we are becoming friendlier with the world is when we stop reading the Bible. Do you agree or disagree with that?
  - i. Why is reading the Bible usually the first thing we give up when we are busy in life? Why do you think that is?
  - ii. What habits do you have in place to make sure you have a holy habit of reading the Bible?
- God jealously longs for your faithfulness and love (**Ex. 20:5**). Does God have any reason to be jealous of you and your attention? Is there anything you put before Him or trust more than Him?
- What do you think James meant when he said that “God opposes the proud?” Do you believe God has ever opposed you?
- What do you think happens if we try to love both God and the world? (**Matt. 6:24**).
- Where do you struggle the most with befriending the world?

## 7. End in prayer.