

## HOME CHURCH DISCUSSION GUIDE – November 9, 2014

### Come a Little Closer - James 4:1-10

Do you know what it is like to argue and fight with others? Are there any internal battles within your family or school or workplace or friends or church family? Are you jealous of others? Are you torn between really following God and the incredibly strong pull of the world? Then today's study from James has something to say to you!

1. Read James 4:1-10. Before going any further, remember to whom James is writing. Is he addressing non-believers?
2. According to verses 2-3, why do many Christians not have what they want?
3. Why does James call some of his fellow Christians "adulterers"? What did he mean, in this context, by adultery?
4. Discuss the statement, "If you want to be a friend of the world, you make yourself an enemy of God." What is meant by "friend of the world"? Does that mean we cannot be friends with non-Christians?
5. What does this verse 7 mean? It was stated that many people have the order reversed (they resist God and submit to the devil). Do you agree or disagree? What does James say will happen when one resists the devil?
6. In verse 8 we are told, "Come close to God, and God will come close to you." How might one go about applying this verse in their daily life?
7. In verses 8-10 we are told, "Wash your hands...purify your hearts...humble yourselves." What part do we have in doing these things and what part does God have?