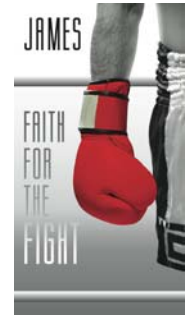


Faith For the Fight – Round 11

Life Group Questions – April 10, 2011

Pastor Jeff – Conflicts (James 4:1-6)



Connect

1. Have you ever witnessed conflicts inside the church? What happened and how did it affect you and others?

Study

1. Read James 4:1-6 together. What stands out to your group in this passage?
2. What does James say causes fights & quarrels among us? How have you seen insisting on getting your way produce unhealthy conflicts in your life?
3. Is conflict (in our home/church) always bad? When can conflict be a blessing?
3. What does James 4:2-3 teach us about prayer? And 1 John 5:14-15?
4. What does James mean by "the world?"
5. Read Jeremiah 3:20 & Philippians 3:18-19. Why does James liken being friends with the world to adultery & hating God? Can't we be friends with both God & the world? Why or why not?
6. According to Jesus (John 15:19; 17:16-19) as His followers, what should be our relationship with the world? And what does James 1:27 mean in this regard?
7. James 4:6 offers the key attitude we can choose when in conflict. What is it, and what has helped you practice it?
8. How can humbling ourselves before God affect our relationship with others? Do you have any stories or examples that illustrate this? Does being humble mean we're forbidden to confront or challenge each other?
9. How often does each of us need to wave the surrender flag with God? How do you practice this in your life? Would you say even the most mature Christian ever outgrows the need to do this?
10. What is your "takeaway" to practice this week?

Pray

How can you pray for each other this week?