WHERE FIGHTS COME FROM DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

JAMES 4:1-6

1	James manages to put all of the believers in the world and in all segments of history into one solitary moment. This is the moment: "I war what you have and I will do what it takes to get what you have." Pick a few of the following scenarios and consider the behavior of people in tomorent.
	Pescribe what a selfish child on the playground may do when another child will not get off the monkey bars:
	Describe what a selfish teen may do when she realizes she will not be getting the prized role in the school drama:
	Pescribe what a selfish soldier may do when he loses a promotion to a manipulative fellow soldier:
	Describe what a selfish mother may do when another mother seems to have it all together when she obviously doesn't:
	Describe what a selfish father may do when his kids challenge his authority:
	Describe what a selfish young man may do when he can't control his girlfriend (or wife):
	◆ Describe what a selfish older man may do when his neighbor bothers him:
	Pescribe what a selfish older woman may do when her friends do not pay attention to her:
	Describe what a selfish marriage partner may do when the other partner fails to meet their needs over and over again:
2	In "this moment"—when quarrels rage from a believer against another believer, who is the quarrel really with?
	How can a fight with another person point to spiritual adultery against God?
	Consider a conflict you have been involved in. What did it reveal about your heart? How did it affect your prayers?

3	What would it look like to be a "friend of the world?" Give some descriptors below.				
	♥ Where do you struggle with befriending the world?				
	How does 1John 2:15-17 help us understo friendship with God?	and the severity of such friendship? How would someone break	off worldly friendship and enhance		
4	How does James 4:4 cause you to take your sin more seriously? Meditate on James 4:6. Why is that truth particularly precious to you? How do James 4:4, 6 summarize the message of the gospel?				
5	According to James 4:5-6, what is God's role in keeping us from pursuing sin? What is our role?				
6	When we quarrel with other believers or when we actually pursue friendship with the world, we may know something is wrong, and we may even pray about it. How can even these prayers be selfish while we are in the middle of the sin? (James 4:3) What is a way to know if your prayers are motivated by improper desires? PRAYER REQUESTS				
7	The Bible gives warning signs of a spiritual adulterer. Match the sinful desire with the Biblical example:				
	David in 2 Samuel 11:1-5 Jerusalem in Isaiah 1:21-34 Eve in Genesis 3:6 Herod in Acts 20:20-23 Peter and Barnabas in Gal. 2	Love of Money Self-glorification People-pleasing Lust for knowledge Sexual Lust			
8	Which of the sinful desires are you most terrified of falling into? (personal) What does the Bible say about handling your fleshly desires? (See Gal. 5:16, 2 Tim 2:22, Romans 13:14)				
	Admitting your spiritual adultery may already battling for your soul, O Believe your quarrels, your lusts, your worldling greater!	seem like the first step to winning the battle, but God is r! Humble yourself and let God give you the grace to escape ess—He is already at work and He will win. His grace is			