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# “SHOW AND TELL”

## WEEK 7

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### “SHOW AND TELL” SERIES OVERVIEW:

This series is a study through the book of James. Written by Jesus' half brother, the book of James shares sage wisdom for all the churches and followers of Jesus. It's influenced by Proverbs and frequently quotes Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

While James doesn't teach new theology, it does challenge believers on how they should live. Topics covered include words, favoritism, love, wealth and hardship. When believers listen to and obey God's word, they love Him and others. Their actions match their words, and their lives are made whole, complete and perfect.

Check out the following link for an illustrated overview of the book of James.

<https://thebibleproject.com/explore/james/>

### Icebreaker:

What was your biggest takeaway from Sunday's message?

### LifeGroup Discussion Questions: *\*Don't feel like you have to get through all the questions below.*

*We create and give you more than you need to ensure that you have all that you need. Feel free to add / takeaway based on the needs of your group.*

### Read James 4:1-12.

### Keys to the text (taken from John MacArthur's study guide on James):

*The World:* The Greek word used here is *Kosmos*. It does not refer to the physical earth or universe but rather to the spiritual reality of the man-centered, Satan-directed system of this present age, which is hostile to God and God's people. It refers to the self-centered, godless value system and moral contamination of fallen mankind. The goal of the world is self-glory, self-fulfillment, self-indulgence, self-satisfaction, and very form of self-serving, all of which amounts to hostility toward God. While the world's philosopher and ideologies and much that it offers may appear attractive and appealing, that is deception. Its true and pervasive nature is evil, harmful, ruinous, and satanic. God, not the world, must have the first place in the Christian's life (see 1 John 2:15).

- 1) Share a recent example from your life where you see how your desires helped contribute to the conflict? (Think about conflict with spouse, children, co-workers, manager, parents)
  
- 2) How does James 4 challenge you to pray differently (what you ask for, motives for your prayers, even consistency)?
  
- 3) How have you been a "friend to the world"?
  
- 4) What are some steps you can take to fight the drift everyone experiences towards being "friends with the world"?
  
- 5) What are some examples of God's grace in your life that you often take for granted?
  
- 6) How does it impact you that in response to your sin and treachery, God gives you more grace? How does God's infinite grace change and transform you?
  
- 7) What imperative (command) from James 4:1-10 really resonates with you and why (submit, resist, come near, humble yourself, wash, purify, grieve, mourn, wail, change)?
  
- 8) What is one thing you can do differently that will help you in conflict in the future, or help you avoid becoming a friend of the world, or help you stay humble before the Lord?