



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Lesson 8

James 4:1-10 Scripture Handout

New Revised Standard Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
 2. What does this verse mean to me?
- Discuss your answers with the class.

(James 4:1) Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you?

(James 4:2) You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask.

(James 4:3) You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

(James 4:4) Adulterers! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

(James 4:5) Or do you suppose that it is for nothing that the scripture says, “God yearns jealously for the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”?

(James 4:6) But he gives all the more grace; therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

(James 4:7) Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

(James 4:8) Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

(James 4:9) Lament and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy into dejection.

(James 4:10) Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Write out the verse or verses you have been assigned below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Personal Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?