



An Affair With the World

James 4: 4-6

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Leaders: Don't feel pressured to get through every question during your group time. Our hope is that your group experiences honest conversation and goes deeper in God's Word—not that you finish the entire list. Feel free to choose the questions that best fit the needs of your group, and allow the Holy Spirit to guide your discussion.

1. As we head into the next month, what are you looking forward to or most excited about? Why?
2. Read **James 4:4–6**. What stood out to you most from this passage or from Sunday's sermon? Why do you think it caught your attention?
3. James uses strong language when he calls his readers "adulterous people," saying that friendship with the world puts us at odds with God. What do you think "friendship with the world" looks like in everyday life today?
4. Where do you most feel the temptation to seek the world's approval, success, comfort, or values instead of God's? How has that affected your relationship with Him?
5. Verse 5 says that God "yearns jealously" for the spirit He has placed within us. What does this tell you about God's love and desire for you? How does it shape the way you think about divided loyalties?
6. Are there areas in your life where pride makes it difficult to receive God's direction, correction, or help? What do you think is at the root of that resistance?
7. James reminds us that God "gives more grace." How does that promise encourage you when you're struggling with pride, temptation, or feeling like you've fallen short?
8. What's one practical way you can choose humility this week—in a relationship, a decision, or an attitude where pride would normally take over? If you're comfortable, share how your group can pray for you.

Reminders:

- **DK Teachers needed:** Do you have a heart for children and ministry? We are in need of DK Teachers and Crew, would love for you to serve on Sunday mornings as a **classroom teacher!** If this interests you, please email Shealey Sims at shealeys@harpethcc.com for more information! Training and Info meeting on **Sunday, August 23rd in Student Center.**

- **Check Us Out:** Mark your calendars for our upcoming Check Us Out class! Check Us Out is a two-part class where you will hear more about what we believe and care about here at Harpeth, as well as a pathway to membership. Classes take place during the 9:00am service, so feel free to check your kids into DiscipleSHIP Kids and head on over. Coffee and bagels will be provided! Register by scanning the QR code below.



Part 1 - Sunday, August 16th at 9:00am

Part 2 - Sunday, August 23rd at 9:00am

- **Back to School Prayer and Potluck:** Join us **Sunday, August 16th at 5:30pm** for our annual Back to School Prayer & Potluck where we gather to pray over our students, teachers, and families for the upcoming school year! HCC will provide chicken and desserts, so please bring a large family side dish to share. Can't wait to see you there!
- **Safety Team:** **We are looking for a few additional men and women who have a heart to serve on our safety team ministry!** Team members participate in ongoing training, work closely together, and are committed to being prepared to respond wisely- should the need ever arise. Some members are licensed concealed carry holders, while others serve in non-firearm support roles. If you have a servant's heart, remain calm under pressure, and feel called to help protect our church family, we would love to talk with you. Contact **Nancy List** (nanlist429@gmail.com) for more information.