

WOKE

A Perfect World?

James 4:1-10

1. The Sickness: Our conflicted pursuit of selfish desires.
2. The Cure: Our humble submission to God and His will can change the world.
3. The Gospel is the only hope for our broken world.

MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. Do you ever get caught up in thoughts of utopia (e.g., if only we did _____, we could fix this problem forever)? What are things you would change if you could get everyone on board? What is the source of all the conflict in the world according to James 4:1-2?
2. Make a list of some of the biggest injustices and problems in the world. Discuss how the conflicted pursuit of selfish desires creates these problems. Now try to personalize this by asking yourself how your own desires contribute to some of these problems.
3. In James 4:4-10, God tells us to “break up” with the world and get back together with Him. As you read the dramatic language here, try to understand what is at stake from God’s perspective when His people are living for the selfish pursuits of the world and not His kingdom.
4. Why is the Gospel more powerful than a political or utopian movement? Read Romans 1:16-17, Colossians 1:27-29, and 2 Corinthians 5:17-21. What are some ways you could be more involved in getting the Gospel to those around you?

MEMORY VERSE

“Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up.”

James 4:10