



## JAMES 4:1-10

A real choice – Choose a side!

### Notes for leader

Main point (for you to have in mind – don't read to group):

**You can't be married to God and in bed with the world. You need to choose.**

This term we'll be using the COMA method to help develop good bible reading skills. C = context, O = observations, M = meaning / interpretation, A = application.

- How have you found living out what we heard in the sermon on Sunday?
- "¿Porque no los dos?" ("Why not both?") sounds like a great approach to life. Best of both worlds. But are there times when this approach doesn't work?

### Pray for your time together.

#### Read James 4:1-10

1. To work out the 'flow' of this passage, try to divide it into 2 or 3 main sections. (C)
  - a. How would you describe the tone / vibe of each section? (O)

#### **BADLY BROKEN HEARTS (verses 1 – 3)**

2. What factors are hurting their peace and their prayers? (O)
  - a. How should we process those times when it seems God isn't answering our prayers? (M + A)
  - b. Is there anything in these first 3 verses that encourages you to pray more? (M + A)

## GOD'S BROKEN HEART (verses 4-5)

3. What strong label does James call some of his readers? (O)
  - a. What do you think "friendship with the world" looks like? Why is it like 'adultery'? (M)
  - b. Should we think of sin primarily as an action, an attitude, or both? (A)
  - c. How do you react to the picture of God painted in these verses? (A)

## RIGHTLY BROKEN HEARTS HEART (verses 4-5)

5. What does it look like to turn back to God? (O + M)
  - a. How should we feel about our sin? (A)  
(What in this passage can help us feel that way about it?) (A)
  - b. What promises does the passage make? (A)
6. What do you think James is trying to achieve in these 10 verses? (M)
  - a. How do you think the following people should apply this passage to their lives.  
(If possible, link advice to specific verses but put it in your own words.) (A)



### Double Minded Danny

Danny likes the gospel, but also deep down secretly loves the pleasures of sin. Though Danny would never say it out loud, the goal is basically to get the best of both worlds.



### Nervous Nic

Nic finds passages like this worrying. Nic is always trying to put to death selfish desires, but is painfully aware how far there is to go. Nic fears she might not have gone far enough in fleeing idols.



### Cruising Chris

Chris has been a Christian for a few years and, while not perfect, is enjoying getting to know God and growing in godliness.

**In pairs or around the circle, get each person to identify with the one they think they are most similar to, then pray for each other.**