

PREACHING CURRICULUM



THE WAR WITHIN JAMES 4:1-10

"God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble" James 4:6b

1

REVIEW THE SERMON

Read James 4:1-10 To who is this letter written to? _____

Why is James concerned about what the believers were fighting about? Why did it even matter? _____

Why are pride and humility at war with each other? _____

In vs.4 James says to be a "friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God" Why is this the case? _____

2

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

What are the passions that wage war in our own life? Are they any different from the world's? _____

What are the dangers of wanting the same things as the world? Vs.4 _____

Is it wise to listen to your heart? What are some potential pitfalls we could find ourselves in by doing so? _____

Why is it easy to brush off "pleasures that wage war" to things like our job, sleepless nights, hormones, etc? What's the real cause? _____

3

APPLY THE TRUTH

What is it that you really want? It is these things that often drive the war within. How do we determine what is motivated from a pure heart as opposed to sinful desires? _____

We are called to be different from the world. Why do we often desire the same things as the world? _____

What's one way we minimize sin? The example given was to say "I'm broken" instead of saying I'm a sinner.

What does God want for us as believers? _____

4

COMMIT THIS WEEK

List two ways you can be driven to more of what God wants this week? _____

5

PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAISE REPORTS

DATE: _____

PERSON	REQUEST	ANSWER/PRAISE REPORT