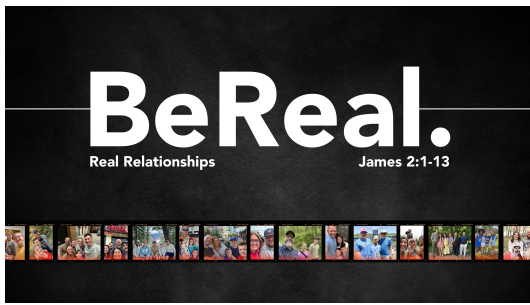




Real Wisdom
Small Group Questions
James 4:1-17
September 14

Community

- What was your favorite game or activity at recess in school or in your neighborhood growing up?
- What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.
- What is one thing you would do differently this week as a result of this message?

Core: Read James 4:1-17

1. According to verse 1 who is fighting and arguing? Why do you think that those who seem to love each other the most, often seem to fight the most?
2. What does James claim is the root cause of fights and arguments among people?
3. How can we know when our desires are Godly or ungodly? Why are we sometimes reluctant to ask God for help?
4. What does it mean that we sometimes ask wrongly? Can we love both God and the world? What happens if we try to love both? (1 John 2:15-16, also Matthew 6:24)

5. What does James mean by “friendship with the world?”
6. What does James say about grace in verse 6? How does it make you feel that God “gives more grace?”
7. How is submission to God related to resisting the devil? In what areas of your life do you find it most difficult to submit to Him?
8. How can we practice drawing near to God?
9. Bring to mind a situation you are facing where you could be the first to “humble yourself” in order to bring about a resolution. What is one way that you could demonstrate the grace of God as you try to bring about peace?
10. Read James 4:13-17. James longed for the early church to find the will of God. We long for everyone to do the same. What are some ways this passage teaches us to walk in line with God’s desires for our life?

Make sure to spend some time in prayer as a group