

SERMON SERIES: CLOSER
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Key Line

“Come Near”

Introduction

Last week we read James 3:13-18 where we were encouraged to seek out Heavenly wisdom. This week we continue by reflecting on our own lives in order to draw near to God.

- How do you deal with conflict? Do you avoid it? Do you lean into it?

Seek the Word

Read James 4:1

- Why does Paul call us out saying: “don’t they come from your desires?” What does this say about our hearts?

Look at James 4:2-3

- What constitutes a prayer with “wrong motives?”
- What is the difference that Paul talks about between friendship with the World and friendship with God?

After answering that question read James 4:4-5

- Why does Paul use the word “jealous” to describe God?

Read James 4:6-12

- What does it look like to humble yourself before God?

Talk About It

- How does it feel to know that above all else, the conflict we have with God in our own personal lives, that we serve a God, who is a God of grace?
- What could it look like to live with our other idols removed?
- What did you gleaned from this message, that opened your eyes to the realization that maybe you are idolizing something more than God? (*Reminder: we all have them*)

Wrap Up

Challenge: 1. If you are looking to draw your family closer to God, look into Child Dedications on the Calvary website *OR* if you already have taken this step, but you want to lean back into this concept, let that be a challenge for you & your family! **2.** Take this week to look for all the things that have created walls between you and your relationship with God... releasing and surrendering all of these things to Him who is greater.

Reminder: There is nothing that God cannot cover in His grace. Draw near to Him and find closure in His love.

