

Break the Ice (15 min) \_\_\_\_\_

- What is something you thought you would have accomplished by this point in your life, but haven't?
- Are you a long-range planner, or do you take one day at a time?

Check In (10 min) \_\_\_\_\_

- When did the message of James seem especially relevant this past week? How did you apply what you're learning to your daily life?
- Pray, thanking God for those present, and ask God to lead your discussion.

Learn Together (15min) \_\_\_\_\_

Read James 4:5-17

- What is the root of fights and quarrels?
- Ponder verse 3. Is every desire a good desire? How do you tell the difference between a good desire and a bad one?
- Read verses 4-14. How would you summarize in one sentence what James is saying here?
- Read verses 13-17. What are some ways you sometimes act or speak with overconfidence? Why do you do this?

Act On It (15 min) \_\_\_\_\_

- When you fight, do you seek to understand what desire is really motivating you? Do you pray about this desire? Where do you need to improve?
- What "desires" seem to drive the world around us? What can we do to overcome the lure of the world?
- How can pride affect your relationship with God? How does it affect your relationships with other people?
- In your opinion, can self-assertiveness and humility co-exist?
- How does the cross give hope to those of us who haven't done the right thing? How does that hope lead us to humility?

Pray Together (10 min) \_\_\_\_\_

As your group time closes, your group leader will give any updates or news that you might want to take note of. You will also pray as a group. Use this space to write down how you can pray for your group members throughout the coming week.