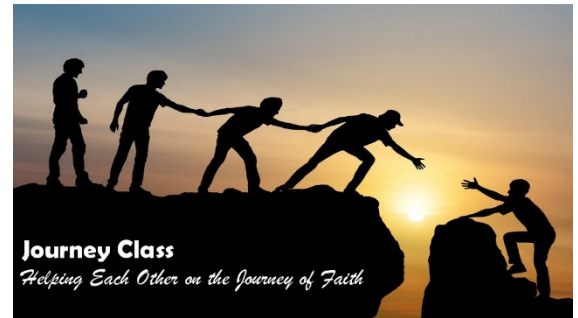


James – Trusting God

According to James, we can live for God – giving up our reliance on “self” and trusting Him to provide, OR we can live like the world – relying on our self. Too often there is just as much bickering going on in the church as in the world.

When was a time you humbled yourself and admitted you were wrong about something?



Read James 4:1-10

We obviously live “in the world,” but what do you think James means when he refers to being a “friend of the world”?

How can we “stand against the devil”? (verse 7)

Verse 8 says God will draw near to me. What does that mean to you?

What are we to “be sad, cry, and weep” over? (verse 9)

David rejoiced to say “The Lord is my shepherd,” and in doing so, he proudly implied “I am His sheep.” If you are feeling “uncomfortable” being a “sheep.” You might know someone who does not seem themselves as a “sheep” of the shepherd. What would you say to someone like that?

Have you been convinced that you knew God’s will for you? What convinced you?

What steps can you take to draw nearer to God?

We can choose friendship with God or friendship with the world (including ourselves). As James shows us, we can troubleshoot almost any problem we get into by asking “Who am I trying to please?”

Prayers...



Being strong for each other

Closing Devotion:

Father, help us renew our commitment to you – to release all that we have and all that we are to you. We long to give ourselves completely to you so that we might know the freedom available to us only through your grace.