

# "The Pillar" Part 3 | cfParis

## Confronting Division & Pursuing True Discipleship | James 4

In this sermon, Pastor Cory Jones delves into James 4, addressing the causes of division within the church and emphasizing the importance of genuine discipleship. He highlights how personal desires and worldly influences can lead to conflicts among believers. Pastor Cory calls us to humble ourselves before God, resist worldly temptations, and commit to a deeper, more authentic walk with Christ.

### Icebreaker Questions:

1. What is your favorite worship song that brings you closer to God?
2. Can you share a recent experience where you felt particularly connected to our church community?

### Discussion Questions:

3. According to James 4, what are the root causes of quarrels and conflicts among believers?
4. How do personal desires and worldly influences contribute to divisions within the church?
5. What does it mean to humble ourselves before God, as instructed in James 4:10?
6. How can resisting the devil lead to a stronger relationship with God?
7. In what ways can we draw nearer to God in our daily lives?
8. How does genuine discipleship differ from merely attending church services?

### Application-Focused Questions:

9. What practical steps can we take to prevent personal desires from causing division in our church community?
10. How can we support each other in pursuing true discipleship and fostering unity within our congregation?

## Notes for the Group Leader

- Encourage your members to attend the Compass class and the Practicing the Way course. Those happen on a rolling basis - check the App or Website for details.
- Also don't forget to take attendance for your group using the cfParis App. Add any pertinent notes, praise stories or prayer requests.

Remember the aim is to foster reflection on the sermon and encourage actionable steps toward unity and deeper discipleship. James encourages us to not only listen to the Word, but to do what it says! *These are only a guide, be sure to curate and adapted specifically for your group's needs.*

