

## The Inside Story

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· The outside conflict

· The inside conflict

Our unmet desires

Our impure motives

· The inside way out

Deflate your view of self

Inflate your view of God

## GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. Share about a time when you realized a problem in your life (physical, mechanical, relational, or some other kind) had a source different than what you first thought. What did you learn from this?
3. When James first asked them, “What causes fights and quarrels among you?” what do you think they may have been tempted to think or say? What things are we tempted to believe are causes of our problems and conflicts today?
4. Read Genesis 3:1-13. What do you observe in this passage the nature of desire and sin?
5. Scan the book of James for truth about God – look for attributes of God in the letter of James. So far, what have we learned about who God is? What stands out to you the most about God’s character as revealed in James?
6. Read Psalm 37:4, 34:8-10, 16:11, 42:1, 63:1. What do we learn about our desires in these verses?
7. In what ways has Jesus fulfilled your desires beyond what you could have ever imagined?
8. We know that we should desire God. But what if we just don’t desire God? Are there ways to increase our desire for God? What would you recommend for someone who wants to desire God more?
9. Read John 3:30. What are some practical ways we can deflate our view of self? What are some practical ways we can inflate our view of God?
10. What is one specific thing you need to do this week in order to take this message to heart?

## FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

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Reread James 3 along with James 4:1-10

Memorize James 4:1.

Continue using the Scripture Memory Fellowship App to memorize James!

Read “What Stops our Fighting” -

[www.desiringgod.org/articles/what-stops-our-fighting](http://www.desiringgod.org/articles/what-stops-our-fighting)

Read “How to ignite your desire for God” -

[www.navpress.com/sites/thedisciplemaker/2016/03/how-to-ignite-your-desire-for-god/](http://www.navpress.com/sites/thedisciplemaker/2016/03/how-to-ignite-your-desire-for-god/)

Read “5 Tips for being a Peacemaker” -

[www.jesusfilm.org/blog/how-to-be-peacemaker/](http://www.jesusfilm.org/blog/how-to-be-peacemaker/)

Listen to “I Give You my Heart” - [www.youtube.com/watch?v=9bQY2komrNA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9bQY2komrNA)

Listen to “May the Words of my Mouth” -

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=F6EkmvRxfHo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F6EkmvRxfHo)

Read You Can Change by Tim Chester

Read The Dynamic Heart in Daily Life by Jeremy Pierre