



Life Group Discussion Guide

July 28 – James 4 – Real Faith is Humble

Icebreaker:

What is something you craved or longed for as a child that you now look back at with laughter?

Discussion Questions:

1. Ask someone to read **James 4:1-12** aloud.
 - a. What stands out to you from this text?
 - b. What stood out to you from the sermon on Sunday?
2. Randy told us, "We import a great many of our troubles." Had you considered this before? How have you seen this to be true in your own life?
3. We live in a time when memes and t-shirts declare, "I'm sorry for what I said when I was hangry!" While we may initially laugh, how have you seen your desires and hungers (for physical food, material goods, or status) affect your mood? How have you seen them affect your relationships with others?
4. Our culture seems to increasingly tell us to "follow our heart" or to especially pursue our passions and desires. In the sermon, we were challenged by God's Word not to trust the integrity of our desires. How can we be blind to the wickedness of our desires?
5. Knowing that our desires, especially our unchecked desires and envy, can bring fights and quarrels, how can you be intentional in not allowing them to rule over you? How can you walk in greater humility in this?
6. "The context for repentance is not anger but mercy... repentance is a relational word." Has this been your understanding of repentance? How can repentance be merciful and relational?
7. How is repentance "turning my face to God"? How is that greater than simply "turning from my sin"? Have you personally experienced this difference before? Consider sharing your experience with the group.

8. Verse 8 says, "Come near to God and he will come near to you." How have you experienced God's coming near to you when you have come near to Him?
9. In the coming week, how can you seek to be more aware of your desires and their effect on your quarrels and discord with others? What are some practical ways you can draw near to God in response to these moments?
10. Close your group time in prayer. Ask God to help each member grow more aware of the desires that threaten to harm their relationships with others. Ask for Holy Spirit conviction and help to walk in greater humility with others. Ask God to come near to each person as they seek His face in humility and repentance. Thank God for His constant mercy and grace to forgive us when we sin and to reflect His glory and grace as individual followers of Jesus and together as the Body of Christ.

What's Happening in the Life of Legacy:

More details on these events can be found at lcc.org/whats-happening

Overland Park Campus

- **Rosehill School Supplies Drive:** Supplies due July 30.

Lee's Summit Campus

- **Back Snacks:** Ongoing food insecurity ministry for a LS middle school.

Olathe Campus

- **Women's Bible Study:** beginning in September. Revelation by Jen Wilkin.
 - **Tuesdays:** 6:30 – 8:30 PM. Or **Wednesdays:** 9:00 – 11:00 AM.

Blue Valley Campus

- **Sunday Summer Nights:** July 28, 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Movie Night!

Hispanic Ministry Campus

- **First Steps:** by appointment.

Local Serving Opportunities to Share with Your Group:

These are the serving requests we have received over the past few weeks!

Firm Foundations – For more info, contact Matt Thomas at matthomas01@gmail.com.

- Looking for women interested in mentoring at the Topeka Women's Correctional Facility.
- Looking for men interested in mentoring in Lansing, KS and Maryville, MO.

House of Hope KC – For more info, contact Amy Burgess at amy@houseofhopekc.net.

- Spanish Tutors
- Language Arts Tutors
- Office Assistant, Thursdays, 8:30-11:30 AM

International Students, Inc. – For more info, contact Lindsay Blanchard at lindsayjblanchard@gmail.com.

- Home Goods Giveaway to bless international students and scholars relocating to the KC area. Accepting donations of new or gently used small appliances, kitchenware, linens, and furniture.

Mission Southside – For more information, contact Crystal at crystal@missionsouthside.org.

- The Backsnacks program provides food items to approximately 330 students experiencing food insecurity each week. To learn how you can help, contact Crystal!