



## WEEK 9 (August 2, 2015)

### INTRODUCTION

Looking for faith that applies and works in the real world? Join us this summer as we make our way through the concise, action-oriented, New Testament book of James. Written by the half-brother of Jesus, the book of James simply and directly challenges us to live out our faith in practical ways. Invite a friend to take this journey with you – a journey to a place where **life is elevated** because active faith leads us to new heights with God.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever seen a relationship or friendship damaged or even ended because of a fight or argument?
2. Read James 4:1-3. Do you think James' perspective on what causes interpersonal issues is accurate? Why or why not?
3. What do you imagine is going on that would cause James to be so adamant in these three short verses?
4. How accurately does verse 3 describe your prayer life?
5. How does this passage intersect with an issue you're having with someone in your life right now?

Note: each week during this series, we'll post a challenge on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram using the hashtag #heightschallenge to pass along a specific challenge from that week's message. Feel free to incorporate that challenge into your group discussion!

*And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.*

-James 4:3

## *READ THE BIBLE WITH US!*

In 2015, we are encouraging everyone to read through the entire Bible! To help you with that, you will find the suggested daily passages listed here each Sunday throughout 2015. There are also several similar plans online at [www.Bible.com](http://www.Bible.com). After each day's reading, answer these questions in your mind or preferably, in a journal. Question: *What one thing from today's reading sticks out the most? What might God be trying to communicate to me as a result?*

Aug 2: Psalm 68-69; Romans 3

Aug 3: Psalm 70-72; Romans 4

Aug 4: Psalm 73-74; Romans 5

August 5: Psalm 75-77; Romans 6

August 6: Psalm 78; Romans 7

August 7: Psalm 79-81; Romans 8:1-18

August 8: Psalm 82-84; Romans 8:19-39

August 9: Psalm 85-87; Romans 9