

Series: DOERS

Title: The Center

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Spend some prayer time *thanking* God for your group and what it, and what they mean to you.

Read James 4 and Isaiah 53:6

1. Bob mentioned that the early church was like a petri dish of conflict. If that's the case, why would anyone want to belong to a church in the first place? How does that impact the way you see church friends, church leaders?
2. Where does all that conflict come from? What's the key problem? Can you identify with that? What's the solution?
3. If Jesus calls us to love and befriend our neighbors, what's wrong with being friends with the world? What does James mean by being friends with the world? See James 4:4, and see if 1Corinthians 5:9-12 and 1 John 4:4-5 help clarify this.
4. Think back to Bob's Disneyland illustration about Pastor Bryon theoretically trying to get his son to get out of the car and come on in to enjoy the park. How is James and how is God like an upset parent, James 4:5? Can you see yourself as a child resisting their father? How can jealousy be a good thing?
5. What did you learn from this passage about prayer?
6. " " " " " " " " " grace?
7. What stands out to you about James as a spiritual leader? Is there something about him you would like to emulate?