



Series Life Tools

Passage James 4:1-8

Title Tools For Intimacy With Jesus

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- **Discussion Starter:** Do you desire to have a deeper, more intimate relationship with Jesus? What are some of the tools mentioned in the sermon that can help you grow in your intimacy with Jesus?

The Proper Priority and Purpose of Prayer (James 4:1-3, James 5:16-17; Acts 4:29, 31)

- What are some of the ways we are deceived by thinking God ignores us in our prayers?
- What is your deepest desire in life and have you shared this with Jesus?
- Describe in your own words what you think the verses in James 5:16-17 and Acts 4:29, 31 are revealing as to the essential elements to having an intimate, powerful, purposeful and effective prayer life?

Spiritual Adultery (James 4:4-5; Isaiah 8:20; Jeremiah 17:9; John 15:13-14)

- What are some of the ways we commit spiritual adultery and become enemies in God's eyes?
- What might the Holy Spirit, who yearns for us jealously, be telling us if we would only listen?
- We see that if we are a friend of God then we will also be an enemy of the world. Explain in your own words what it means as a Christian to be an enemy of the world.
- According to John 15:13-14, how are we to demonstrate that we are truly friends of God?

Preserved by the Grace of God (James 4:6-8a)

- It is encouraging to know that even when we stumble and fall, God has a prescription to get us back on track. According to James 4:6-8a what is God's prescription and how are we to place this practically in our lives?
- What is the benefit of being an active member of a Mission Group, and how might that enable you to have a more intimate relationship with Jesus?