



Series Life Tools

Passage James 4:4-10

Title Drawing Near to God

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- **Discussion Starter:** What are some things you have learned from the message this week that have encouraged you to draw closer in your walk with God?

Unfaithful Lovers to Jesus (James 4:4-5, Zechariah 4:10)

- Think back on a time where someone was unfaithful or betrayed you. How did that make you feel and what did you do?
- What comes to mind when you think of being unfaithful to Jesus? Most of us might think of just the big things. How much importance do we give to the little things? What can we glean from Zechariah 4:10 about being faithful in the little things?

Jesus is Faithful to Us (James 4:4-6; Psalm 145:8-9; Exodus 34:6-7; 2 Timothy 2:11-13)

- According to Psalm 145:9-9 and Exodus 34:6-7, what is revealed about Jesus' character that enables Him to be faithful even when we are unfaithful to Him?
- How are we to interpret the last part of verse 7 in Exodus 34:7, "But I do not excuse the guilty"? How does this coincide or conflict with the previous verses of forgiveness and mercy?
- What is your definition of faithfulness? What does 2 Timothy 2:11-13 explain to us about Jesus' faithfulness? How does this apply to us today as Christians?
- What are some of the most difficult things you have experienced in your life in which Jesus has enabled you to remain faithful?

How do we DRAW NEAR TO GOD? (James 4:7-10; Revelation 22:17; Isaiah 55:1-3)

- Submit to God. What does it mean to submit to the Lordship of Jesus Christ?
- We are told in Scripture to resist the devil. We also learned that Satan, the devil, has two primary tactics: "Deceive and Condemn". How do these two tactics work in conjunction with each other?
- Describe in your own words what it means for us to plead to Jesus for a pure heart?