



**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?