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## CONNECT BREAK THE ICE AND GET PEOPLE TALKING

- What was the happiest moment of your life?
- Does your relationship with God give you joy?

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## TRUTH UNDERSTAND AND DISCUSS THE SCRIPTURE'S MEANING

This week, we're in the third part of our series *With God*.

This week, we'll be reading James' letter to his churches, and letting him remind us that *we draw near to what we desire*.

### RESISTING THE DEVIL

**READ:** James 4:1-7

**DISCUSS:** What does James say causes us to have "enmity with God", causes us to be God's enemies?

James points out that friendship with the world and ungodly desire make us turn away from God.

### DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

**READ:** James 4:7-10

**DISCUSS:** What does James promise will happen as we draw near to God?

As we draw near to God, God draws near to us! The humility we show in turning from our own way results in God "exalting" us, in Him raising us up.

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## GRACE SEE HOW THE PASSAGE CONNECTS TO JESUS

Read James 4:10, slowly.

What is God's desire for you? What will He do to you if you let Him?

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## CHANGE *APPLY THE PASSAGE TO OUR THOUGHTS, FEELINGS, AND ACTIONS*

- What would it mean for you to draw near to God?
- What do you need to give up for the sake of greater joy in God?
- What can you do to desire God more?

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## PRAYER *RESPOND TO THE PASSAGE IN PRAYER*

- Praise God that the gives joy freely to everyone who seeks Him.
- Ask God to draw you near to Him this week and increase your desire for Him.