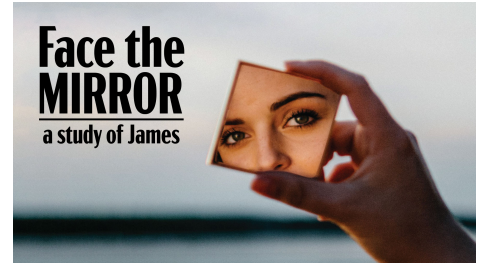


## Face the Mirror

James 4:1-13 (8.1.21)

**S** Scripture  
**O** Observation  
**A** Application  
**P** Prayer



**Selfishness and submission are mutually exclusive.**

**ICE BREAKER: What is one thing where you know you are selfish? (For example, the remote control, restaurant choice, etc.)**

**Read: James 4:1-2**

- How does selfishness destroy relationships?
- Verse 2 says “so you kill.” We may not commit murder, but what are some of the ways selfishness can cause us to “kill” in a figurative sense?

**Read: James 4:2-6**

- How does selfishness impact your faith? Your relationship with God?
- God equates friendship with “the world” with adultery. What do you think that means? Why does James use such powerful imagery?
- How do you cultivate humility?

**Read: James 4:7-10**

- James details some ways we can resist the devil. What are they, and how do we practice them with persistence?
- What is the relationship between humility and submission and intentionally purifying one’s self?

**Prayer:** Pray this week’s memory verse, James 4:7 – “Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”