

Emmanuel Prayer Needs

Sonrise Christian Academy - Holly Verkuyl - Sonrise Principal

Praise:

- Thankful for new staff that have joined our community this year.
- Thankful for new families.

Prayer:

- Growth in enrollment needs to happen.
- Meeting the growing needs of students and families in a Christ-like manner.
- Donations and fundraising would be appreciated.
- Pray for the staff and Holly (principal) as they carry out the work of Christ.
- Pray for the students as they learn more about Jesus and give their lives to Him.

Study continued

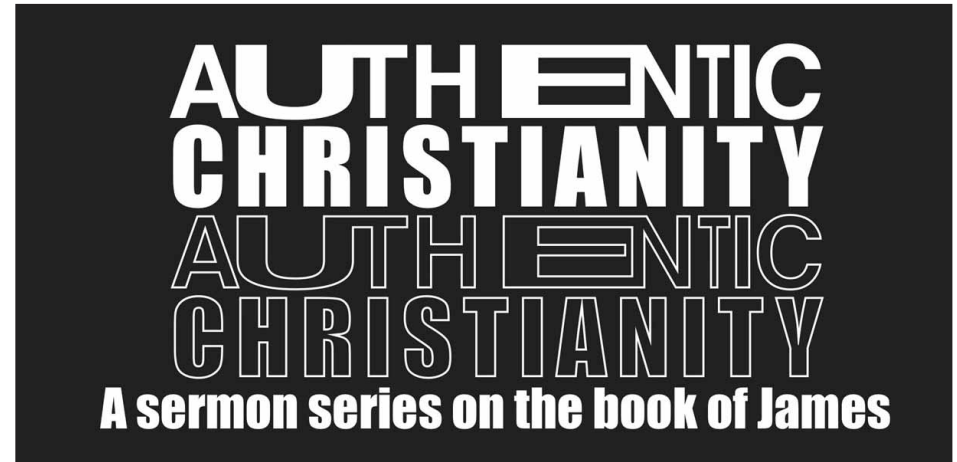
7. James 4:7 says, "Submit yourselves then to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you." What does this tell us about what has happened in our lives when we allow the desires battling within us to take control, causing us to fight and quarrel, and ultimately become adulterous people?

How do we resist the devil?

8. Read James 4:8-10. From these verses, how do we come near to God? What must be our response to the way we have been behaving?

What will be God's response when we do?

9. Humble yourself before the Lord and He will lift you up (James 4:10). What does this mean to you personally?

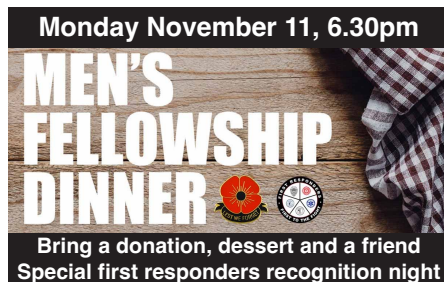


"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Isaiah 55:8-9

JESUS MADE YOU DO IT, DIDN'T HE!

James 4:1-12



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James 4:1 What causes _____ and _____ among you?

James 3:18 Peacemakers who sow in peace, will reap _____

Fights & quarrels OR a harvest of righteousness, which will I be remembered for?

A HARVEST OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

2 Cor 5:18-20

Our ministry is a ministry of _____

Reconciliation =

THE CAUSE OF OUR PROBLEMS

James 4:1-2 ...don't they come for the desires that _____ with in you?

James 4:3 When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with

A downward spiral to becoming "adulterous people": (James 4:1-12)

- _____ (v.1-2)

- _____ (v.2-3)

- _____ (v.2-3, 11-12)

- _____ (v.3-4)

James 4:4 You _____ people =

THE SOLUTION (James 4:5-10)

1. _____ yourself

v.5 tells us that God loves us and won't just let us _____ away

v.6 He gives us more _____

Grace =

2. Come _____ to God

v.7 _____ the devil and he will flee from you.

v.8-10 My response to the way I have been behaving:

_____ yourselves before the Lord and He will _____

1. Read James 3:18. Think of people who have had a positive impact on your spiritual life. What did they do? Why was it so significant?
(Those people have reaped a harvest of righteousness)

2. Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-20. As an ambassador for Christ, what is your responsibility?

What is reconciliation and why do we need it with God and with people?

3. Read James 4:1-4. How do these verses make you feel? Why do you think James speaks this way? From these verses, what makes us an enemy of God?

4. In James 4:1-4 James identifies a downward spiral to becoming adulterous people. Identify how this spiral happens in our lives.

What does it mean that if we behave like this that we have become adulterous people?

5. Verse 5 explains that the Spirit within us, 'yearns jealously' (KJV). God loves you and won't just let you wander away, He will do what is necessary to try to bring you back. How have you seen that in your life, or the life of someone else?

6. James 4:6 says that God gives us more grace, but there is an expectation of us in order to receive this grace - what is it? Explain.