

WOKE

What would it take to achieve a perfect world? What do you feel are the injustices and problems that are keeping it broken? As we continue our series “Woke,” we will look at our personal role in a much bigger, worldly problem.

Week Four: A Perfect World?

Text: James 4:1-10

Sermon Summary:

Teaching points:

- The Sickness: Our conflicted pursuit of selfish desires.
- The Cure: Our humble submission to God and His Will can change the world.
- The Gospel is the only hope for our broken world.

Discussion Questions:

These three larger questions will drive our discussion:

1. What did the Holy Spirit say to you through Sunday’s sermon?
2. What are you going to do about it?
3. How can others help you and pray for you so you can do what God told you?

What did the Holy Spirit say to you through the sermon?

- Do you ever get caught up in thoughts of utopia? What are things you would change if you could get everyone on board?
- What is the source of all the conflict in the world according to James 4:1-2?
- What do think are some of the biggest injustices and problems in the world? Discuss how the conflicted pursuit of selfish desires creates these problems.

What are you going to do about it?

- Try to personalize the injustices and problems you discussed by asking yourself how your own desires contribute to some of these problems.
- In James 4:4-10, God tells us to “break up” with the world and get back together with Him.
- As you read the dramatic language here, try to understand what is at stake from God’s perspective when His people are living for the selfish pursuits of the world and not His kingdom. Discuss this.

How can others in this group help you or pray for you?

- Why is the Gospel more powerful than a political or utopian movement?
- Read Romans 1:16-17, Colossians 1:27-29, and 2 Corinthians 5:17-21. What are some ways you could be more involved in getting the Gospel to those around you?
- How can others in your small group help you and pray for you to focus better on God and His will for you?

MEMORY VERSE

"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up."

James 4:10

Biblical Manhood and Womanhood

It's not too late to sign up for Biblical Manhood or Womanhood. You can still jump in the second session this week and also watch the video from the first session.

- Biblical Womanhood Online Teaching Times – discussion immediately following:
 - <https://www.hcbc.com/women/>
 - Thursday Mornings - 9:30am
 - Thursday Evenings - 7:30pm
 - Saturday Mornings - 9:00am
- Biblical Manhood Online Teaching Times – discussion immediately following:
 - <https://www.hcbc.com/men/>
 - Tuesday Evenings - 8:00pm
 - Wednesday Mornings - 6:30am
 - Saturday Mornings - 7:00am