



# O BROTHER

WISDOM FROM THE BOOK OF JAMES

## SESSION 4 - PRIDE

### **SERIES BIG IDEA**

James, the half-brother of Jesus, shares wisdom on how to overcome challenges that can trip us up as Christ-followers and keep us from growing to maturity.

### **MESSAGE BIG IDEA**

Maturity means humbling ourselves and drawing near to the God who draws near to us.

### **SCRIPTURE**

James 4:1-10

### **ICEBREAKER AND OPENING THOUGHT**

Take this time to ease your group into talking, both by sharing something about their lives, but also by introducing the big idea via the opening thought. These are just suggestions though, so use your own best instincts about how to best do this in your group.

### **BIBLE DISCUSSION**

Since we're walking through the book of James – take time to linger through the passage together. Remember that there are no wrong answers. Encourage your group to talk through their impressions of James and ask the group any questions they have. The point of this isn't to have something 'new' or 'inspiring' to share; it's to discuss what caught the groups attention and why.

### **LIFE APPLICATION**

These questions are designed to bring everything down into the practical realm of life. We can easily stick to the theoretical when talking about pride and worldly fulfillment – it can be something that we see easily in others but are blind to in ourselves – so go slow and help your group see that each of us are in danger of pride and worldly fulfillment. The last questions are designed to be vulnerable. This might be too much for some in your group but encourage without shaming everyone to open up.

### **CHALLENGE**

Open up your prayer time with people sharing how they are vulnerable to pursuing worldly fulfillment. Close your small group by getting on your knees in a physical posture of submission and praying for each other.