HFG Questions
Resolving Conflict God's Way—Part 3
("The Christian's Ten Commands")
James 4:7–10

***Read James 4:1–12**

1. What stood out to you most from Sunday's sermon? Was there anything in particular that challenged or convicted you?

2. Read James 4:1–3. James teaches that the real source of our quarrels and conflicts is found in our own sinful self-centered desires. Why is it so much easier to blame others for our conflicts than to examine our own hearts and lives?

3. Read James 4:4–6. James warns us about the danger of friendship with the world and reminds us that God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. How can our friendship with the world and our own pride contribute to conflicts with others? And why is God's grace so important in overcoming these sins?

4. Read James 4:7. In the sermon, we considered three reasons why we should submit to God: because He is God, because of His Law, and because of His love for us. Which of these reasons is most compelling to you, and why?

5. Read John 8:31. Jesus taught that His true disciples continue in His Word. What is the difference between simply knowing what God commands and genuinely submitting ourselves to His authority?

6. Read James 4:8. God commands us to draw near to Him and promises to draw near to us. What are some ways that Christians can gradually drift away from the Lord, even while remaining active in church and other spiritual activities?

7. Read Matthew 5:23–24 and Romans 12:18. How can unresolved conflicts with others affect our fellowship with God? What responsibility do these passages place upon us when we have a conflict with someone?

8. Read James 4:7 and 1 Peter 5:8–9. What does it mean to resist the devil? How did Jesus resist Satan's temptations in Matthew 4, and what can we learn from His example?

9. Read James 4:8–9. James commands us to cleanse our hands and purify our hearts. What is the difference between dealing with our outward sinful actions and dealing with the sinful desires of our hearts? Why are both necessary?