Life Group Questions w/c 2 Nov 2026

Icebreaker: On Sunday, Glyn used the image of "growing up" while looking at the teaching of James 4. If you are born again (John 3:3), where in your growth as a Christian do you think you are: baby, toddler, child, adolescent, adult?

Read: James 4

Grow Up – By dealing with conflict:

1. **Verses 1–2:** James links conflict with desires that are at war within us. What does he seem to be saying about the roots of quarrels? How might that help us understand conflict without rushing to blame someone?
2. **Verses 2–3:** James speaks strongly about asking and receiving. What does he suggest can go wrong in prayer? How might we bring our desires honestly to God while allowing him to shape them?
3. **Verses 4–5:** James uses the striking image of "friendship with the world". What do you think he means here? How can we take the warning seriously without treating people outside the church as enemies?
4. **Verses 11–12:** James warns against speaking against one another and assuming the role of a judge. How can Christians speak honestly about harmful actions while remembering that God is the final judge?

Grow Up – By demonstrating humility:

5. **Verses 6–7:** What does "He gives us more grace" mean and how does that promise sit alongside James's call to humility and submission to God?
6. **Verses 8–10:** James calls his readers to draw near to God, repent and humble themselves. What do these images suggest about returning to God? Where do you see hope in this passage as well as challenge?
7. **Verses 13–16:** What does James challenge about the way people make plans? What could it mean in everyday life to say, "If it is the Lord's will," without making it a mere formula?
8. **Verse 17:** James ends with a challenging statement about knowing the good we ought to do. How might we respond to that, and what helps us take one faithful next step?