

## How to Get Close to God

### James 4:7-17, December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018

- 1.) Those who say, "I wish I were closer to God." are not being honest with themselves. The fact is: Everyone is just as close to God as they \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2.) The three steps to overcoming evil are...
  1. \_\_\_\_\_ God.
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ the devil.
  3. \_\_\_\_\_ to God.
- 3.) James 4:9 should be our attitude towards \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4.) V:10 should be our attitude towards \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5.) The sin of judging others is wrong for 2 reasons.
  1. It breaks the royal law that we should \_\_\_\_\_ one another.
  2. It takes a right of judgment that only \_\_\_\_\_ has.
- 6.) keep in mind there is a difference between "judging" others in this way and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7.) "There are two great certainties about things that shall come to pass – one is that \_\_\_\_\_ knows, and the other is that \_\_\_\_\_ do not know." (Spurgeon)

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## Growth Group Discussion Questions

(Complete at home on separate sheet of paper if needed)

- 1.) Have you ever been judged wrongly by someone? Were you ever able to rectify the situation?
- 2.) Have you ever wrongly judged another person? How did you right that wrong?
- 3.) Read today's text (James 4:7-17) What are the themes of this text? What is the main point? What do you consider the key verse? Why? How would you properly apply V:17 to your life?
- 4.) What does today's text teach us about: Repentance? Drawing near to God? Judging others? Pride? Humility? Planning your life? Discuss and define the three steps of overcoming evil (V:7-8)
- 5.) Look up the following verses as time permits and discuss how they apply to today's text and to your personal life. Luke 12:47-48; 2 Peter 2:20-22; John 9:41; Romans 14:22-23.
- 6.) Is there anything in today's text that troubles or confuses you? Discuss.