**TOXIC FRIENDSHIP**

**James 4:1-10**

**Discussion Questions**

1. Someone once said, “Show me your friends, and I’ll show you your future.” Who are some of the people in your life (excluding family) who have helped to shape you into the person you are today? Who would you say are your closest friends today?

2. In what ways has the value system of this world impacted your life? Has it been detrimental to your faith? If so, how?

3. Read James 4:4. What did James mean by, “You adulterous people!”? Who was he writing this epistle to? Were they believers or non-believers? If they were believers, is it possible for a believer to be an enemy of God?

4. The worst thing you can ever be called is an enemy of God, and the best thing you can ever be called is a friend of God. What did God call Abraham in James 2:23, II Chronicles 20:7, and Isaiah 41:8? Why do you think God called Abraham His friend? What insights can you glean from the following verses about why God considered Abraham His friend?

* Genesis 18:17-19
* Genesis 26:3-5
* Nehemiah 9:7-8

5. What are your thoughts about the rise of Satanism in America? Have you ever witnessed any type of demonic activity? What did you do? In addition to resisting the devil (James 4:7), what are some other things you can do according to Ephesians 6:11, 16-18, and Matthew 4:3-5 if you have an encounter with him?