

DRAW NEAR

CENTRAL TRUTH

We are called to be humble before God and obey Him.

KEY QUESTION

→ **What does it mean to draw near to God? How do we do this?**

God is personal and active in the lives of His people. James challenges believers to reject sin and run to the Lord. Much like a relationship with your best friend, we have to spend time with the Lord. When we read our Bibles, pray, and worship with other believers, we grow in our relationship with the Lord.

KEEP IN MIND

- The students in your group may have varied views regarding who the devil is—perhaps some cartoonish figure comes to mind for them. Use the Theology Note in this week's session to help them understand who the devil is, and why believers don't have to fear him because of all that Jesus has accomplished.
- James challenges readers to draw near to the Lord. Come prepared to small group with insights and practices that students can implement to draw near the Lord.

APPLICATION

- **What is one thing you can do to draw near to God this week?**

THE WIN

FOR THE STUDENT: The proper response to the Lord is humility and obedience.

FOR THE LEADER: Remind students that the Lord is not distant and indifferent toward them. He is a gracious God who loves us and is willing to draw near.

7 ARROWS

- ↻ What does this passage say?
- ↑ What does this passage tell us about God?
- ← What did this passage mean to its original audience?
- ↔ How does this passage change the way I relate to people?
- ↓ What does this passage tell us about the human heart?
- ↺ How does this passage prompt me to pray?
- What does this passage demand of me?