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3) According to the sermon, what are the three steps that lead to quarrels? Can you identify something that you are currently dissatisfied about that could eventually lead to fighting?

4) **Read Hebrews 12:14-17.** Why is bitterness so dangerous? Have you seen its effects in the life of anyone you know?

5) What is your usual response when your desires are frustrated?

6) Can you think of something that you have been slow to pray about, or haven't prayed about at all, because you were afraid that God would change your heart about it?

7) Can you recognize something you have prayed for with the kind of wrong motives that Pastor Ed talked about?

8) **Read verses 7-10.** According to James, what is the only way to stop the process of quarreling in its tracks? How does everything he instructs in these verses fit into 'submission'?

9) Is there anyway that you are currently trying to have both the world and religion? Your own desires and Jesus? If so, what do you need to do about it?

10) How can this growth group be a place that, rather than fueling quarreling, helps us to recognize and stop quarreling in our life?

Prayer: Pray that our families, growth groups, and church would be places fueled by unity and grace rather than a desire to see our own will win out. Pray that, through our prayers, our hearts will be changed to want the things of God and not what this world offers.

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