

Discovery Notes

James 3:1-2

Getting to know me

What was one of the ambitions you had growing up?

About the Sermon

Sit back and consider the sermon for a moment. What one or two points do you remember? What illustration do you remember and what did it illustrate? Was anything new to you?

Into the Bible

Let's look at the following people and how their selfish ambition got them into trouble: Gen 11:4; 2 Sam 15:4 & 18:18; 1 Kg 1:5; Mt 20:21; 3 John 1:9; 2 Thes 2:4. Can you think of others in Scripture?

Application

- What are your spiritual ambitions for God's Kingdom? In what way(s) do you want to please your savior?
- What are your temptations regarding people? How do you cast yourself in the best light? In what ways do you boast? How do you posture in order to gain people's attention and admiration?
- It seems that teachers are held to a higher standard where their life is concerned. Is this a double standard? Is this true in regards to Elders and Deacons as well (1 Tim 3)?
- Counting the cost is a very Scriptural concept (Jam 3:1-2; Lk 14:28-33). Did you count the cost before you became a Christian? If so, how specifically? If not, what would you mention to a person thinking of giving their lives to Christ?