



## **PART 3: IDEAL FAMILY: Common Cause**

When it comes to family, the only thing we all have in common is conflict. Family conflict is like no other because when you win an argument in your family, you don't really win anything. The conflict is never fully resolved. What if there was a way to resolve family conflict by dealing with it at its source?

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What did conflict look like in your family when you were growing up?
2. How do you handle family conflict? Are you a peacemaker, sulker, stuffer, litigator, or screamer?
3. **Read James 4:1-3.** What is your biggest objection or difficulty with what James wrote? Why is this an issue for you?
4. Who is suffering right now because you aren't getting your way? What do you want from him or her?
5. What can this group do to help you follow through on telling that person, *"You know what part of the problem is here? I'm not getting what I want"*?

What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you? You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it. And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure. **James 4:1-3 NLT**