

Week 4
Bulletin Study Questions

1. Read Genesis 4: 1-16. Describe what happens in these verses. Now, try to identify all Cain's emotions and feelings in these verses.
2. Skim chapters 16, 30, and 37 of Genesis. What role does envy play in these verses? How does envy affect our perception of others?
3. The Bible contains explicit commands not to be envious, and many descriptions of the symptoms and consequences of envy. Look up Exodus 20:17, Proverbs 14: 30, Ecclesiastes 4:4, James 3: 13-16. Describe what you learn about envy from these verses.
4. It has been said that envy is the one sin that does not make us feel better. In fact, envy causes us to feel pain when we witness the good fortune of others. If so, why do you think envy is such a universal problem? Have you ever wanted to be the one who is envied?
5. Read Matthew 20: 1-19. God puts us in places to expose our envy. Describe your own experiences.
6. It is likely that you have experienced genuine joy and happiness at the achievements or success of someone else. What is it about that relationship that allows you to rejoice? How can you apply this to overcoming envy?
7. Read Philippians 4: 11-13, I Thessalonians 5: 16-18. What overcomes envy? What steps will you take to deal with envy in your own life?