QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time when you had to deal with a

 conflict with another person. How did you resolve the conflict?

2. What conflicts do you see in our world today? What conflicts do

 you see in the Body of Christ? What conflicts do you have within?

3. Read the following passages and note what the Bible says about

 conflict:

 a) Leviticus 19:18

b) Proverbs 15:1

c) Proverbs 15:18

d) Proverbs 16:7

e) Matthew 18:15-17

f) Matthew 5:23-24

g) Ephesians 4:26

4. What is some of the reasons we pray for something and do not

 receive our request from God?

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week’s

 message? (*Share your decision with another person*.)

* I am going to seek resolution to a conflict I have with another person or help two other believers resolve their conflict.
* I am going to find an accountability partner to help me with an area in which I am struggling.
* I am going to memorize Proverbs 15:1.

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James 4:1-6 Study Series #07

***How to Handle Conflict***

**I. Introduction**

 A. Conflict in the Little Country Church

 B. Conflict Among Believers

 (See Genesis 4:1-8; Genesis 13:7; II Samuel 13-18;

 Matthew 18:1; Mark 9:34; Luke 9:46; Luke 22:24;

 Philippians 4:1-3; Galatians 5:15; I Corinthians 6:1-8)

**II. Conflict with Others**

 A. The Question

 (See James 4:1; John 5:6; Matthew 16:26; Luke 9:25;

 Matthew 16:13-15; Mark 8:27-29; Luke 9:18-20;

 I Corinthians 1:10-13; Psalm 133:1; John 17:21;

 John 13:34-35)

 B. Uncontrolled Desires

 (See James 4:1; II Timothy 3:2-4; Jude 1:16-18;

 II Peter 2:10-21; Ecclesiastes 2:10; Ecclesiastes 2:1)

 C. Unfulfilled Desires

 (See James 4:2; Matthew 6:5; Acts 3:14-15; I John 3:15;

Matthew 5:21-22; Proverbs 18:21; Genesis 4:7;

Philippians 4:11-12; Ephesians 3:20-21)

D. Selfish Desires

 (See James 4:2-3; Psalm 84:11; Psalm 37:25; Luke 15:13)

**III. Conflict with God**

 A. Friendship with the World

 (See James 4:4; Matthew 12:39; Mark 8:38; Revelation 19:7;

 Revelation 21:9; I John 2:15-17)

 B. Disregard for God’s Word

 (See James 4:5; Genesis 4:7; Genesis 6:5; Genesis 8:21;

 Genesis 30:1; John 5:39-40)

 C. Pride

 (James 4:6; Proverbs 3:34; I Peter 5:5; Proverbs 16:16-19)

**IV. Conclusion**

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please contact the church office and the pastor will contact you.

**Passage of Study**

James 4:1-6

**1**What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? **2**You lust and do not have; *so* you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; *so* you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask. **3**You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend *it* on your pleasures. **4**You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore, whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. **5**Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose: “He jealously desires the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us”? **6**But He gives a greater grace. Therefore, *it* says, “God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

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