

**Study Questions for the March 7, 2021 Sermon:  
“War of the Worlds”  
James 4:1-10**

1. In these verses, James is answering the question: “Why is there not peace in the church?” Summarize James' answer in a maximum of two sentences.
2. In verse 4:3, James gives one reason that God does not answer our prayers: We ask for things that would move us away from Him instead of making us more-yielded to Him.
  - a. Give an example from Scripture of God not answering a prayer for this reason.
  - b. Give an example, from your personal life, of when you learned that God was blessing you when He declined to answer your prayer.
3. In the past, the church divided over appropriate dress and music, and more recently over politics. Share a verse that teaches our common faith or shared Spirit transcends lesser issues.
4. Jealousy is considered a vice in humans. How can a perfect God be jealous for us?
5. In verse 4:4, James refers to church members as “adulterers”.
  - a. Is this just a metaphor?
  - b. When believers sin, in what sense are they committing adultery?
6. Pastor Paul explained verse 4:7 by saying the devil flees from us because God is defending us. Share a verse that supports that teaching or a Bible story that illustrates that teaching.