

Sermon Notes and Discussion Questions: Love does not Envy

When you look at our materialistic culture how do you resist the temptation to find satisfaction in the things of this world? How can envy result out of a desire to be satisfied?

Envy is resentful desire for what someone else has or is. Think of it as the longing and resentment we've all felt for someone else's car, health, financial stability, job, marriage, and so on. What would you say you are most prone to envy in another person?

How do you rank envy compared to other sins, in terms of seriousness and potential consequences? Why?

In what ways was Cain envious of Abel? Why was Cain so angry?

When we are envious of another, what does that envy reveal about what we believe about God?

How does envy lead to other sins? What specific kinds of sins might it lead to?

Re-read Genesis 4:7. How is this the turning point of the story?

When battling envy Jason mentioned four keys: right priorities, cut out comparisons, live with gratitude, and being content with who you are. Which of these is hardest for you? Why?

How are you teaching the next generations that love does not envy?

In what ways can you cultivate contentment this week? What practical steps can you take to remind yourself to be more thankful?

Read 1 Peter 2:1-3. What is your plan for ridding yourself of envy?

How can you taste and see the Lord's goodness this week (1 Peter 2:3, Psalm 34:8)? How will tasting of His goodness help you combat envy?