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## Chapter 4 Discussion Questions

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### 1. Announcements

- a. **Marriage Retreat** - It is official, the Rock Church Marriage Retreat is coming!
  - i. **Who:** Umn...married couples...
  - ii. **Where:** La Quinta Resort in The Palm Desert
  - iii. **When:** July 9-11
  - iv. **Cost:** \$270.00 per couple
  - v. **Sign ups coming soon, get ready the spots will fill up quickly!!!!**
- b. **Facilitator Reports** - Please fill out a facilitator report each week. If you cannot take care of it, assign someone to do it for you.

### 2. Memory Verse

- a. **Genesis 4:7b** - "...sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it."

### 3. Discussion Questions

- 1) **Ephesians 6:12** says, "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."
  - a. One of the most defining aspects of our Christian walk has to do with our relationships with other people. What does this verse say about this?
  - b. Think about the following lies of the enemy that affect our relationships, are there any right now that you are dealing with in your relationships? How do you overcome this?
    - i. He wants us to be angry (**Ps 4:4, Eph 4:26**)
    - ii. He does not want us to forgive (**Lk 17:3-4, Mt 6:15, Mk 11:26, Lk 6:37**)
    - iii. He wants us to hold grudges (**Lev 19:18**)
    - iv. He wants us to talk bad about people (**Pr 25:23, 2 Cor 12:20, Ps 39:1**)
- 2) **Genesis 4:7**, "If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it."
  - a. How should we rule over sin? Read the following and discuss:
    - i. **1 Tim 6, Gen 39:1-15** (Flee if you have to...!)
    - ii. **Ephesians 6** - Put on the whole armor of God
  - b. How would the story of Cain and Abel be different if Cain had adhered to these principles?
- 3) **Genesis 4:9** - "...am I my brother's keeper?"
  - a. Discuss what it means to be the keeper of your brother. Give an example of a brother in your life you need to "keep."
  - b. What does the Bible say about loving your brother or neighbor? (**Lev 19:18, Zech 8:17, Matthew 5:42-44, Rom 13:9, James 2:8**)
  - c. **Psalms 23** discussed the Lord as the Shepherd of His people. Another word for Shepherd is keeper. If a Shepard is considered a keeper of the sheep, what can we learn from **Psalms 23** in how to be a keeper of our brother?
- 4) What stood out to you in the sermon? What principles can you apply to your daily life?

