

LIFEGROUP

Weekly Sermon Study Guide

SERMON SERIES: Old School

SERMON TITLE: Cain & Abel

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 4

DATE PREACHED: September 1, 2019

WEEKLY CHECK-IN:

This is a time to check in with your group.

Last week we discussed the fall of man. Let's open our group tonight by reading Romans 5:18-19. In what ways were you able to reflect on God's grace this past week? Would anyone like to recite Romans 6:23 from memory?

Also, as a part of catching up on each other's week, this would be good time to gather everyone's prayer requests and praises. This allows for everyone to share about their life and you can use this to guide your prayer at the end of the discussion.

DISCUSSION STARTER:

Share what your home life was like growing up. If you have siblings, what was it like growing up together?

DISCUSSION:

Read the scripture text as a group. If you were unable to worship with us on Sunday, you can watch this week's sermon at my.worthingtoncc.org/listen.

1. What in this week's scripture was most interesting?
2. What was the difference in the brother's offerings? Read Hebrews 11:4. How did Abel demonstrate faith in his offering?
3. In verse 9 when God asked for Abel, Cain responded by saying "I don't know. Am I my brother's keeper?" Why do you think Cain responded this way? What's your immediate reaction when your dark acts are called to light?
4. In what areas of your life do you struggle with jealousy or being envious of others?
5. What is the difference in God's response to Cain's offering (verse 6) versus God's response to Cain's killing of Abel (verses 11-12)? How could Cain have changed the narrative of his story?
6. What can we learn about God from this week's scripture?
7. What does it teach us about people?

MY NEXT STEP:

Read 1 John 3:11-12. This week let's make an effort to go out of our way to demonstrate an act of love to someone in our family.

PRAYER:

A core value of our church is 'Urgent Prayer.' Please be sure to include prayer in your group meetings.

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON TITLE: The Flood