

Focus Verse

“If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.” – Genesis 4:7

FIRST DAY: Read the notes and the references.

1. Use this space to record how you have seen God’s activity during the week. (How has He provided, answered, comforted, reconciled, guided, etc.?)
2. What from the notes, lecture, group sharing or personal study impacted you most in the past week?

SECOND DAY: Read Genesis 4:1-7.

The Lord responded to Cain and Abel and their offerings.

3. Compare and contrast Cain and Abel and their offerings. What stands out to you?
4. Why did the Lord accept Abel and his offering but not Cain and his offering? (See Hebrews 11:4.)
5.
 - a. Name some factors that contributed to Cain’s anger.
 - b. How do you react when someone suggests you are wrong? Why?
6. What do you learn about God from His interaction with Cain?

THIRD DAY: Read Genesis 4:8-12.

Cain killed Abel and was cursed by the Lord.

7. Describe Cain’s actions that culminated in killing his brother Abel.
8. What do you notice about the Lord’s conversation with Cain?

9. a. Why is it difficult to confess and accept responsibility for sinful actions and reactions?
- b. What impact could victory in this area have on your relationships?
10. From Genesis 4:1-12, what truths do we need to know about temptation and sin?

FOURTH DAY: Read Genesis 4:13-16.

Cain went out from the Lord's presence.

11. What do you learn about Cain from his responses to the Lord?
12. How do you respond when confronted about your sin? What does this reveal about your heart?
13. How does God's response to Cain comfort or challenge you?

FIFTH DAY: Read Genesis 4:17-26.

Cain's descendants increased, and Seth was born.

14. What progress did Cain's descendants make?
15. What do you observe about the character of Cain's descendants and their relationships with God and one another?
16. What hope was there in Seth's birth and for all who "called on the name of the LORD"?
17. What warning or comfort do you want to remember from this chapter?

SIXTH DAY: Review Genesis 4.

18. How did this week's study impact your thinking about temptations surrounding you and the unexpected consequences of sin?

No homiletics for group and administrative leader

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