

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, July 20, 2014

Passage: Genesis 4:1-26

Memory Passage: Genesis 4:25

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Gen 4:1-26, Heb. 11:4, & 1 John 3:12.** Review: Explain the promise God made in Genesis 3:15 and why it is important.
- (b) What was Eve thinking about Cain when she described him “a man” coming “with the help of the LORD”?
- (c) Why did the LORD regard Abel’s offering but not Cain’s? Was it the quality of the men or the quality of the offering that mattered, and how do you know?
- (d) How would you answer this question from your new believer friend and Bible study partner: “I guess I’m glad to know why God favored Abel’s offering over Cain’s, but what does that have to do with my life today?”

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Gen. 4:1-26.** Explain what the LORD means when He tells Cain, “If you do well, will you not be accepted?”
- (b) Does the phrase, “sin is crouching at your door” mean that sin is trying to get into or get out of Cain (cf. Mark 7:21-23 & James 1:13-15)?
- (c) How must Cain “rule over” sin, and what does it look like for him to “do well?”
- (d) How do you, in your daily life, “do well” and “rule over sin” that is “crouching at the door?”

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Gen. 4:1-26.** Why did Cain kill his brother, Abel, and why was he not capable of ruling over sin (cf. 1 John 3:12)?
- (b) What does Cain’s response to God (v. 9) tell you about Cain’s post-murder state?
- (c) What is God’s verdict (v. 10) and sentence (vs. 11-12), and how does this punishment compare with Adam’s (3:17-19)?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Gen. 4:1-26.** What was Cain’s concern about his punishment, and how did God respond (vs. 13-15)?
- (b) What is the significance of Cain going “away from the presence of the LORD” and how does this resemble Adam’s lot?
- (c) For what purpose did Moses include Cain’s genealogy, especially the mention of Lamech, and what element is notably absent in his description of Cain’s line?
- (d) If 200 years from now someone writes a genealogy of your descendants, what would you desire to be written about them, and what are you doing daily in your life in order to, as far as you are able, facilitate that description?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Genesis 4:1-26.** In what way does Eve’s description of Seth’s birth relate Seth to the promise found in 3:15?
- (b) “At that time people began to call upon the name of the LORD.” Why now? Why not during the time of Cain or Abel?
- (c) How would you describe the hope for mankind and what would you be forced to say about the faithfulness of God if Genesis 4 stopped with v. 24?
- (d) How do the events of Genesis 4 fulfill the promise of Genesis 3:15, and why does it matter to you?

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