

GENESIS (4:1-16)  
Week's Reading: Genesis 1-4  
Discussion Guide, July 18, 2021

**CHECK UP:**

Memory Work Review: Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. -  
Matthew 16:24-25

- How did you live out something you learned from God's at War this past week?

**OPEN by PRAYER**

**OPEN:** *(I may use this each week)*

- What stood out to you from this past week's reading?
- What questions do you have?

**READ and ASK: Genesis 4:1-16, Hebrews 11:4, 1 John 3:12, Matthew 22:37-40**

- God accepts both animal and grain sacrifices. Why do you think Abel's offering pleased God but Cain's didn't? (Proverbs 21:27)
- When God tells Cain to do what is right, what is he instructing him to do?
- Why do you think Cain kills Abel? (Proverbs 29:27)
- God knows all, and yet asks Cain where Abel is (after Cain had murdered him). Why do you think he does that?
- "Am I my brother's keeper?" This is a phrase we still use today. As a Christian, how should we view this phrase?
- Genesis 3 and Genesis 4 both have a similar pattern: sin, punishment, and a token of grace.
  - o What token of grace did God offer Cain (despite his great sin)?
  - o What does this tell us about God?
- How does this passage show the result of the fall? What does it tell us about the existence of pain/suffering/violence in the world?

**APPLY:**

- Likely Cain's original sin was insincere worship. How does this convict you?
  
- When you encounter someone else who has done the right thing (when you have not), how does that typically make you feel? (Romans 12:20)
  - o How do you respond?
  - o How should we respond?
  
- How do you need to better be your brothers/sisters keeper?
  - o NEXT STEP(S): What steps do you need to take to be more sincere in your worship this week?

Memory Work:

Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." - John 4:14

Next Week's Reading:

Genesis 5-9