



Study #17

Questions for Genesis:

Cain and Abel (4:1-8)

^{NAS} **Genesis 4:1** Now the man had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain, and she said, "I have gotten a manchild with *the help of* the LORD." ² And again, she gave birth to his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of flocks, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. ³ So it came about in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to the LORD of the fruit of the ground. ⁴ And Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and for his offering; ⁵ but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard. So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell. ⁶ Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? ⁷ "If you do well, will not *your countenance* be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it." ⁸ And Cain told Abel his brother. And it came about when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.

DAY 1

1. Read Genesis chapter 4:1-8. What title would you give to this portion of scripture?
2. What significant developments do you observe from this narrative? Please summarize those developments in chronological order.
3. Please list all of the differences between Cain and Abel.

DAY 2

4. Both Cain and Abel brought "offerings" to the Lord. What did each bring to the Lord?
5. From where do you suppose that Cain and Abel learned to bring "offerings" to the Lord? Where did such a practice originate?
6. What are the significant differences between Cain and Abel's offering?



7. Why did the Lord have regard for Abel's offering and not have regard for Cain's offering?
8. What important truth about worship do you learn from this passage?

Day 3

9. Please describe the downward spiral of Cain. Do you identify at all with Cain? Explain.
10. Why did Cain struggle with anger and depression?
11. Explain in detail the issues in Cain's heart that resulted in His murder of his brother.
12. What encouragement do you derive from this passage? In what ways does this passage sober you?
13. What does this passage reveal about the character of God?
14. In what ways does this passage minister to you personally? In what ways does this passage impact you and your manner of life?

Options for teenage adults and children

Assigned teens should pick one option and come ready to share. Teens are free to use their creativity and come up with a different idea! Please allow your parents to assist you as you prepare for Care Group. This is a great opportunity for the family to work together in an effort to bless the Care Group.

Another option is to give the teen some time during the Care Group meeting to prepare one of the following and then have one of the teens present to the entire group.

- Take the time to rewrite the Cain and Abel story from the perspective of one of their parents.
- Create a skit that is based on Genesis 3:1-8. Make sure that every character is sufficiently represented.
- You have been asked to preach from Genesis 4:1-8. Your message is entitled, "A Path to Murder." Take the time to develop your message.