

The Genesis of Good News To Walk with God Group Leader Guide

RECAP

Pastor Keith discusses the story of Cain and Abel from Genesis 4, focusing on the differing motivations behind their offerings to God. Abel offers his sacrifice in faith and worship, while Cain's offering stems from self-righteousness and identity in his achievements. When God regards Abel's offering over Cain's, Cain becomes angry. God approaches Cain, offering him a chance to correct his heart. Pastor Keith emphasizes true worship as coming to God in humility, seeking grace, and not through self-sufficiency. He invites the congregation to embrace grace, receive communion, and truly worship from the heart.

GETTING STARTED

What are some ways we might be tempted to bring offerings to God more like Cain than Abel, focusing on our own accomplishments rather than true worship?

LIVING OUT THE TRUTH

1. What can we learn from the differing sacrifices offered by Cain and Abel in Genesis 4?
2. How does the story of Cain and Abel illustrate the concept of 'faith' in worship, as described by Pastor Keith?
3. Why do you think Cain's offering was not regarded by God, despite his belief in God?
4. Reflecting on your own experiences, have you ever felt like God did not accept something you offered? How did you respond?
5. How does the meaning of the names 'Cain' and 'Abel' enhance our understanding of their characters and actions?
6. What can we infer about God's character from His interaction with Cain after the offering was not accepted?
7. In what ways can we ensure our acts of worship are genuinely heartfelt and not just external practices?

PRAYER

Father, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude for your grace and mercy. Just as Abel brought his offering in faith, we seek to worship you in spirit and in truth. Help us to understand the true essence of worship—not through our self-righteousness or achievements, but through our absolute need for your grace. Lord, we confess our moments of self-sufficiency and pride, like Cain, thinking that we can bring something deserving of your favor. We repent of those thoughts and surrender our hearts to you, acknowledging that it is only through your grace and the sacrifice of your Son, Jesus Christ, that we are made whole and accepted. As we go forth, let us carry this message of grace in our hearts, living each day in true worship. May we lift our hands

and open our hearts to receive your perfect love and grace, knowing that it is not what we bring to you, but what you have given us—the perfect offering of Jesus. Bless our time together and send us out to be vessels of your grace and love in this world. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.