

Cain Kills Abel

1. Carefully read through Genesis 4:1-6:8. Highlight with different colors all of the words spoken by different people. Mark in yellow everywhere the name of God is used. Mark in green everywhere a place is named. Mark in blue everywhere a person is named. Circle, underline, or color any repeated phrases. What patterns do you notice?
2. Memorize Genesis 4:7, "If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it" (ESV).
3. Create your own detailed outline of Genesis 4:1-6:8.
4. Who was created in the image of Adam (5:1-3)? How are the concepts of image and sonship related (Luke 3:38)? What does this tell us about our relationship with God (Romans 8:14, 19)?
5. Why did God have regard for Abel's offering but not for Cain's (1 John 3:12)? What is God's solution (4:7)?

6. When Cain kills Abel, does God's promise in Genesis 3:15 seem to be going according to plan? Why or why not?

7. Are you your brother's keeper?

8. What does 4:15 tell us about the character of God? How does God initially respond to sin?

9. Why are Lamech's actions and attitude so devastating? How do 4:25-26 provide hope once again?

10. Why is it significant that chapter 5 repeatedly mentions death? Was it inevitable that all of these individuals would have to die? How do you know?

11. How might you explain 6:1-4 in the context of the opening chapters of Genesis?

12. How does God respond when we persist in sin (6:5-6)?