

SIN IN CAIN

Genesis 4:1-12

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. THE HIDDENNESS OF SIN
2. THE POWER OF SIN
3. THE HOPE OF A VICTORY OVER SIN

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. Cain was not a maniac. He was a normal, religious person who was bitter and angry about the life God gave him. What are some ways you can relate to Cain?
3. In Genesis 4:7, God tells Cain that his sin is "crouching at the door." This means that the particular sins you have in your life will always appear far smaller to you than they actually are. You won't be able to see them accurately. But if we can't see them, how can we discover and deal with our "crouching sins?"
4. One way we can discover the crouching sins in our lives is to pay attention to our pain. When we experience anger, envy, bitterness, disappointment with life, etc. we can trace those emotions into our hearts and ask "why" we are experiencing such deep pain. Give an example of a time when God used a difficult situation to reveal sin in your heart.
5. Genesis 4:7 shows us that sin desires to master us. What are some implications of this idea? How should this idea change the way we treat sin?
6. 1 John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." What is your understanding of God's forgiveness? What does it mean that God is "faithful and just" to forgive?

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: The blood of Jesus cries out like the blood of Able but instead of calling for our condemnation, Jesus' blood calls for our acquittal.