Genesis Study Guide

READ

Genesis 4-5

SUMMARY

Genesis chapter 4 and 5 put on display the two opposing kingdoms that are now active in the world because of sin: the kingdom of righteousness and the kingdom of darkness. The story of Cain and Abel illustrate how sin manifests itself in selfishness and pride, leading to a man killing his own brother. Cain gives us a glimpse of the corruption and evil of the kingdom of darkness, but the birth of Seth is a reminder of God's grace and faithfulness to bring redemption through the line of Adam.

REVIEW

What has God been showing you personally over the past week in His Word?

DISCUSS

- Read Hebrews 11:4. What made Abel's offering acceptable to God? How does this inform the way we should live our lives as living sacrifices to God (Rom. 12:1)?
- God describes sin as crouching at the door and seeking to devour us (Gen. 4:7). What insight does this give us about sin and how we should respond to it?
- Cain envied Abel, which led him to take his own brother's life. Why is jealousy so poisonous, and how does the gospel help us fight against it?
- Where do you see God's grace to Adam and his family in this week's reading?

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- <u>True Worship, Brotherly Peace</u> (Article)
- <u>The Sin of Cain</u> (Video)
- Genesis 1-11 (Video)