

Discussion Questions for Genesis 4:1-16

- 1. In what way(s) did God speak to you today through His Spirit and His Word?
- 2. How does the text continue to show God's graciousness? What are ways you see God's graciousness in your life?
- 3. What are ways we can worship God with the wrong heart posture? How do we guard ourselves from worshiping God with the wrong heart posture? How do you help others have a right heart posture when we gather as a faith family?
- 4. What can we learn about the offerings of Cain and Abel? What are the differences between their sacrifices? What do we learn about the offerings from other scriptures? (See Hebrews 11:4, 1 John 3:12, Proverbs 21:27)
- 5. What role do pride and jealousy play in Cain's actions? If you see pride and jealousy in your own life, how do you deal with those issues?
- 6. What can we learn about sin from Genesis 4:6-7? What does the New Testament teach us about our sinful desires and sinful actions? (See Matthew 15:19, James 1:14-15 Mark 7:21-23)
- 7. What are some of the gracious gifts that God gives us to fight sin? Why are we slow to use those gifts in our lives?
- 8. What are ways that we rationalize our own sin? How can we help one another fight the temptation to rationalize our sin?
- 9. What can we learn about repentance from Cain's lack of repentance in the text? What are the consequences of Cain's lack of repentance?
- 10. What do we learn about God's presence in light of the lack of repentance from Cain? Why is the connection between God's presence and repentance a big deal?