

The Tragic Case of Cain

Genesis 4:8-26

Small Group Questions

WEEK OF OCTOBER 18-24, 2026

- (1) Read Genesis 4:1-16. Why do you think God caused this to be written down for us? What is the point?
- (2) How do you see Cain's response (vv 8-9) to God's counsel (v 7) contrasting darkly with Adam and Eve's responses to God's confronting their sin?
- (3) How is Cain's response an illustration of sin ruling over someone?
- (4) How is God's righteousness and also His mercy seen in the way He passes judgment on Cain (vv 10-15)?
 - (a) How do these perfections of God play into how He disciplines us as His children (Hebrews 12:3-11)?
 - (b) What can we glean from the fact that at this point in human history Cain was afraid of others avenging Abel's blood?
- (5) What is significant about *where* Cain goes? How does that continue a theme we've seen earlier (and that will continue as a thread throughout the Bible)?
- (6) Talk about the five effects of unrepentant sin that were itemized in the sermon. Bring specific Scripture to bear as you flesh out each one, if possible.
- (7) How could you use the tragic case of Cain evangelistically with someone?
- (8) How do you see the "two seeds" motif threading through the rest of chapter 4?
- (9) How does Moses give us a clue at the end of the chapter about the hope WE can have as sinners?