

Study Guide

Pray: Pray that God will show you something new in His Word and that you will be fully present as you consider these questions.

Read: Begin by reading Genesis 4 & 5 straight through, as you would read a chapter of any book.

Questions:

1. Why do you think Eve meant when she said: "With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man."?
2. What were Adam & Eve's first sons called, what were their interests/occupations?
3. Both men believe in God, both came to worship & brought offerings.

Why do you think God rejected the offering of Cain and accept the offering of Abel? (consider the types, quality and motive in offering to God) Read Hebrews 11:4.
4. Cain was counselled by God to "do what is right" or he would become a servant to sin. What prevented him from listening to God and doing what was right?
5. What is the irony of Cain's response to God's punishment? How is God's grace manifested towards Cain?

6. How can you know if God is correcting you, or if your offering is acceptable? What types of offerings are we asked to bring?

7. Does God punish us? Do we add to, or punish ourselves?

8. At the end of Chapter 4 we know that Abel is dead with no known descendants and Cain has turned away from God. How does God bring in a new line from Eve that will honor Him?

9. Why do you think Chapter 5 is in the Bible and why do you think only some of the offspring are recorded?

10. Do you think genealogy and where people come from (their family background) matters?

Focus verses: Psalm 25:6 - 10 - write out these verses and consider them during the week.