

creator & creation

GENESIS 1 -11

Study 7

GENESIS 4:1-16

Share

Share a scary encounter you have had with an animal OR
What kinds of things do you think non-church people might think of when they hear the word 'sin'?

Read

Genesis 4:1-16

Observe & reflect

- How do Adam and Eve demonstrate the presence of God's grace after the fall in 4:1-2?
- What clues do we get about why the Lord looked with favour on Abel's offering but not on Cain's?
- What does Abel's offering say about his attitude to God compared to his attitude to the things of the earth (eg his flock) entrusted to him?
- In what ways might we struggle to be like Abel, in sitting loose to the 'best' things in this world?
- Consider the different points at which Cain could have chosen a different path than the one that led to murder?
- What does v7 teach us about sin, about mankind and about God?
- How does God's response to Cain's act of murder and subsequent lie show both judgement and mercy?
- How would you describe the power of sin in this passage?

Compare

Romans 6:1-14

- How do vs 1-7 (especially 6-7) explain the defeat of the reign of sin in our lives?
- What does this passage have to say to those who argue 'Christians can live however they want because God forgives them through Jesus anyway.'
- Why do we still find it so hard not to sin?
- What might it mean to 'offer every part of yourself to God as an instrument of righteousness'?

Next steps

- Are there some areas in your life where you are living as if sin is still your master? Is there something you need to repent of or talk to someone about?
- How can we help one another rule over sin?

Pray

Pray for each other that we will recognise the power we have over sin through Jesus. That we would offer ourselves to God as weapons of righteousness