

Freedom from the Enslaving Power of Sin

Genesis 4

Sermon Discussion Questions

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1. In Genesis 4:3-5 we see Abel bringing his best to God, while Cain holds back his best from God. Have you ever held back the best of your blessings for yourself and not given them to God? Share an example of when you have done that or are doing that with time, money, relationships, etc...

How can we encourage each other to give the best of ourselves to God?

2. In the sermon we heard that sin comes with chain reactions that often lead to more sin. Lies require more lies to cover up, broken relationships yield habits that brake relationships, etc.. Do you have experience with spiraling sin in your life? Is there anything you could confess to the group? Romans 6 tells us that God gives all believers the power to break the chain of sin, how could the group pray to brake a potential sin cycle your life?

3. In Genesis 4 God continually shows mercy to Cain even in the midst of correction. God (A) Doesn't kill Cain for killing Abel, (B) God offers him a way out from his anger [Gen 4:7], and (C) God puts a mark of protection on Cain after he kills Abel. How do you receive correction from God?

Read 2 Samuel 24:10-14. Are you able to rely on God's mercy even in the midst of God's correction? Is there a time where you were being corrected by God? If so how did that go?

4. Some people rely on the faith of their Christian family, some people blame their sin on the lack of faith (and sins) of their family. Do you find yourself either blaming your family or relying on your family's faith in order to justify your actions and relationship to God? What can we learn from Cain's tragedy about what God offers to each of us despite of our family?
5. Where are you in Cain's story? Are you being tempted by sin? Have you heard God's warning from sin? Have you wondered into sin? Have you suffered the consequences of previous sin? How can you find help in Christ in any of these situations? How can we help you at Calvary Church if/when you find yourself in any of these situations?