

## Connect Group 6-5-22

### Welcome

Opening Question: *How many brothers/sisters did you have & where do you fit in?* OR, What is something you often fought about with a sibling?

### Worship

### Word

**Read Genesis 4:1-16 and answer the following questions.**

- 1) How does the family of Adam & Eve expand? What is the initial introduction to their children?
- 2) What differences do you see between the sacrifices of Cain and Abel?
- 3) What is God's response to Abel's sacrifice? To Cain's?
- 4) What is Cain's initial reaction to having his sacrifice rejected? What is God's counsel/warning?
- 5) How does Cain respond?
- 6) Describe the dialogue between God and Cain in verses 9-15. What things stand out?

Digging Deeper:

- 1) How do we see the growing effects of sin in these verses?
- 2) In what ways have you seen the way that sin spreads and increases?
- 3) People have speculated why Cain's offering was rejected including:
  - A) It was not a blood offering
  - B) It was not his 'first fruits'
  - C) It was not given with the correct attitudeWhile the text doesn't specifically say, discuss the reasoning for each of these options?
- 4) Cain ignores God's wise and gracious counsel. Why do you think people choose negative consequences by continuing in their wrong choices instead of responding correctly?
- 5) Cain is angry at Abel (and likely) God for his rejected sacrifice. Why is his anger misplaced? What does his mis-directed anger tell us about him?
- 6) What does Cain's response to his punishment suggest about him?
- 7) The following verses about Cain's wife and his fear of retribution, indicate that other children had already been born. What does this add to the understanding of the story?
- 8) In Cain's lineage we see a continuing increase in wickedness. Again, what are we learning about the effects of sin on people and creation?
- 9) Read verses 4:25-26. What consolation is given to Adam and Eve?
- 10) What else stands out to you from these verses?
- 11) In your own studies, you can look at the genealogies of Cain and Seth. What stands out? If you see anything interesting, bring it for next week's study together.

### Works

Pray for one another.

Take some time to discuss how your group might reach out with the love and saving message of Jesus.