

I Am My Brother's Keeper
Genesis 4:1-14

TALK IT OVER

Read Genesis 4:1-14 (Passage is on 2nd page. This is from New International Version. NIV. Feel free to use or read from your own Bible/app.). Once you've read the passage ask these questions:

- What new thing did you discover in the story that you did not know before?
- What did you learn about God? (Why do you think God questions Cain's anger? Have you ever felt anger towards God? Why would God ask Cain questions if God knows all that happens?)
- What did you learn about people? (Why would Cain be so angry? Have you ever been angry with God? This is a big question...listen to people's response...you don't have to solve an problems...just listen. Remember what Gerard said, "I am responsible for the well-being of my brothers, God has placed people in your care.)
- What will you take away from this discussion? (What is something you can do to become your brother's keeper? How can you love someone that is different than you? Does this change how you see others? How?)
- What will you do with what you have learned? (Pastor Gerard said The Kingdom of Heaven is like Baskin' Robins. We all have differences, but we are called to more. Read John 13:34-35. So, what is your next step? If they haven't taken What's Next encourage them to text the word "Next" to 352-575-3521 description below. Small Group Leader: If you haven't gone through it you should this November. That way you can personally recommend it to your group.)
 - What's next? Is a three-week group lead by Pastor Brad on Sunday evenings where you learn more about Shift and what the next steps for you to discover your purpose and make a difference with your life. Brad will walk you step by step on what's next for your spiritual journey. You can register by texting Next to 352-575-3521.
- Is there anything else you wanted to share that we didn't hit in this discussion?
- Next week make sure to read Colossians 3. Think through the questions we ask weekly as you read.

Make sure to check in with your SG this week. How can you pray for them? This is where the discipleship aspect comes in. Work towards identifying your 3 (that you can really pour into) and then your 1 (that person that will replicate what you're doing now). Take a few minutes each day and make a text or phone call to everyone in the group.

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Make sure to read ahead of time and either retell the story or have someone (multiple people) help you retelling the story. Make sure to use your update with points from Gerard's sermon.

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1Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, "With the help of the Lord I have brought a man." 2Later she gave birth to his brother Abel.

Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. 3In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. 4And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, 5but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

6Then the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? 7If you do

what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it."

8Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

9Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?"

"I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's keeper?"

10The Lord said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground. 11Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. 12When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth."

13Cain said to the Lord, "My punishment is more than I can bear. 14Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence;

John 13:34-35 NIV

34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."