

HOME CHURCH SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

GENESIS 4 AND 5 • DECEMBER 13, 2020

GENESIS

Two ways of life decided by one fundamental choice

WARM UP

Mike talked about a teammate publicly ripping up a newspaper that praised a fellow player as an example of “playing for the name on the back of the jersey”. Someone explain that saying? From your experience where have you seen an unashamed display of egotism?

How does Genesis 4 and 5 shed light on the whole question of who we live for at our core?

1. What are some of the things Cain and his descendants did that were religious in nature even though they were in fact rebelling against God? Why do you think a person who runs his own life today might still be involved in religious activity? How is this a danger for us too?
2. How would it feel to Seth's faithful minority line to see men living 100s of years without God and seeming to get away with it all their lives? Was the image of God lost in fallen man?
3. What in these chapters show what life is really like with self at the center? Read Mike's quote about Cain. What makes Cain's choice so unnecessary and tragic?
4. What descriptions of the godly line help us understand how they lived fulfilled lives without caving into the culture of their time? Gen 4:25-26, 5:24, 5:28-32, Heb 11:5-7

**Cain did all the religious stuff,
but under the surface God was not
his delight, not his treasure not his
world. He lived for himself.**

MIKE SLAYDEN

CONCLUDING CHALLENGE

Share with the group where you have felt the pressure of the world's thinking and values pressing in on you this week? Have a time of prayer – look up some of God's promises and pray them back to Him as an act of faith in His faithfulness to fulfill what He promises.

ALTERNATIVE GUIDE BEFORE BREAKING FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS

Here are some suggestions - These can be done by Zoom

1. **Each person select ahead of time an object or photo etc.** having to do with Christmas to show and tell why it is a meaningful memory
2. [Play Christmas Trivial Pursuit](#) - small prizes for the 1st and 2nd places
3. Have a closing time focused on individuals **praying a blessing on the group members**. See the following pages for ["10 Bible Blessings"](#) for ideas of what and how you might pray these blessings.
4. **Every one have a cookie on hand to eat and then you will have the concluding toast.**
5. **Designate one person who will pronounce a toast** for the group which he or she has thought through ahead of time. Everyone will raise their glasses and at the end of the toast drink to it. Individuals can select whatever beverage they are comfortable with.

Choose any or all of the ideas you find helpful.

May this be a blessed time before you break for the Holidays.