

A WHOLE NEW WORLD

Other's Keeper – Week 4

SERMON SUMMARY

This sermon focused on Cain and Able from Genesis 4:1-16. Cain's anger toward God and his brother is something we all experience as humans. While Cain makes the wrong choice it is God's desire that humans rule over their anger and jealousy and ultimately come to mirror his love and forgiveness.

KEY VERSES

Genesis 4:6-7

1 John 3:16

SERMON NOTES

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. Read Genesis 4:1-5. There is no explanation given as to why God looked with favor on Abel (the younger brother) and not Cain. Can you relate to Cain in being frustrated or angry that God looks with favor upon others more than you?
2. What do you do when you're angry at God?
3. Read Genesis 4:6-7. Do you know the feeling of "sin crouching at your door"? What do you make of God's words, "you must rule over it"?
4. Read Genesis 4:8-9. The answer throughout the rest of the Bible seems to be "yes, you are your brother's keeper". Read Galatians 5:14. How can we love others as much as we love ourselves even when we're angry with them?
5. Read Matthew 5:21-24. Can you see the parallel to the story of Cain of Abel? What is Jesus teaching us in this passage?
6. Read 1 John 3:11-18. Notice how John links together the story of Cain with Jesus' teachings from Matthew 5. How does John define love? What does it look like? How important is it?
7. What can we do to love like John describes in 1 John 3:11-18?

PRAYER

Read Genesis 4:10-16. Notice God's mercy to Cain in verse 15. Even to a murderer God shows mercy and, in a sense, goes with Cain into his exile.

Go around your circle and have each person read the verses below. Try to go slowly and let the words sink in each time you hear them.

Romans 8:38-39: For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.