



GROWTH GROUP SERMON CURRICULUM

HERO | July 7, 2019 | Hebrews 11:1-4, Genesis 4:1-16.

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." –Hebrews 11:1

FROM THE TEXT

- Read Genesis 4:1-16 and Hebrews 11:1-4. At first glance, is there anything that is confusing about the story of Cain and Abel? How could a first time reader be confused by this story and how it plays out for both brothers?
- Compare and contrast the question God asks to Cain in Gen. 4:9 and the question God asks Adam in Gen. 3:9. God is omniscient (all-knowing), so why do you think God chooses to ask questions to confront sin in these two cases? What do you think is the underlining purpose of this question asking, rather than just pointing out the obvious?

FROM THE SERMON

- Pastor Clay mentioned that a major theme in the book of Hebrews is to spur on God's people to persevere in their faith. How does Hebrews chapter 11 and the story of Abel supplement this theme of persevering in your faith?
- What was the difference between Cain and Abel's attitude toward God and how was that reflected in their offerings? Look back at Genesis chapter 4.

FOR YOUR LIFE | APPLICATION | ACCOUNTABILITY

- Do you ever have an attitude like Cain toward God in your life? If so, how does this manifest itself? Where do you not give your best, are you void of joy, cut corners, or have an entitled spirit? Based off of our text in Genesis (4:6-15), what is God's resolve toward us in our sin and broken attitudes? Is He patient and gracious, or impatient and hard?
- Read Hebrews 12:24. Compare and contrast the innocent blood shed of Abel and the innocent blood shed of Jesus. What did the blood of Abel "speak" to God, and what does the blood of Jesus "speak" to God on our behalf?

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray

- 1) Confess our "Cain attitudes" toward God and others.
- 2) Thank God for confronting us with amazing mercy and patience. Thank God for the blood of Jesus that speaks a final word of grace and mercy to those who have believed!