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DO THE RIGHT THING CAIN & ABEL

“FLIP IT” MODERN DAY MOVIE PARABLES FOR EVERYDAY LIFE!

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Do The Right Thing is a Spike Lee movie that explores a Brooklyn neighborhood simmering racial tension between the African American residents and an Italian American who is the owner of a local pizzeria.

Genesis 4:2b-7 NIV -[2b] Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. [3] In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. [4] And 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. [5] but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. [6] Then the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? [7] If 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."

- Do the right thing so you can get the same favor
- There will be opportunities to do wrong, but you must chose right
- There is a difference between fat and first (Abel's offering) and some(Cain's offering)
- Pay attention to those that are disturbed by you doing your best
- It's easier To give off the top then the bottom

How has your offering from your "fat" impacted your life?

Genesis 4:5b - So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

- Some people can't hide nothing on their face

When did your face speak louder than your words?

WHY IS HE ANGRY AND HIS FACE DOWNCAST?

PERSONAL CHOICES

Genesis 4:3-4 NIV- [3] In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. [4] And Abel also brought an offering--fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock.

- God didn't ask for anything, they gave freely
- My personal choices have allowed thing to come into my personal space
- You have the power to make choices
- You have to be care what your chose
- God Looks at the heart, Man looks at the outer
- God is judging your heart not your out comes

When was the last time you allowed your flesh to influence your decisions? What were the outcomes?

Matthew 6:21 NIV - For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

- What you give God is a reflection of what's in your heart
- God is looking at your heart
- God sees the motives of why you do certain things

What happened when you opened up your heart to God about an issue?

JEALOUSY

Genesis 4:4b - The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering.

- Whatever you give God puts favor on it
- God is going to do more than you expected
- You cannot hide favor, it goes ahead of you
- Your decisions have lead you to be jealous of others
- Jealousy is believing that another person got what you deserved
- Don't want what I got want to know how I got it
- Jealousy is a feeling that you think God owes you something

How do you deal with jealousy or jealous people? Why? What do you do when you become jealous of others?

Song of Solomon 8:6b KJV - Jealousy is cruel as the grave: The coals thereof are coals of fire, Which hath a most vehement flame.

COMPARISON

Genesis 4:5 NIV - [5] but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor.

- You can't live tragedy and expect the same benefits as those that live a sacrificial life
- The devil doesn't respect territory
- When people see you they see freedom and favor

What are some reasons you have compared yourself to others? How did the comparison help or harm you?

**COMPARISON MAKES YOU WANT TO BE BETTER THAN SOMEONE ELSE.
COMPETITIVENESS MAKES YOU WANT TO BE YOUR BEST SELF.**

Genesis 4:7 - "If 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."

- You have to be accountable for your actions and choices
- You invited this into your space and have the ability to fix it
- God will give you the knowledge and wisdom to clean up this mess

- Today is eviction day
- Just start doing the right thing, you'll see progress

What are some ways you can take accountability for your actions or decisions? How does taking accountability help you?

HOW DO YOU RULE OVER THESE?

James 4:7 NIV - Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

- Don't let anyone live rent-free in your mind
- Take responsibility of things you allowed in
- You want someone to like you but you don't like yourself

SUBMIT YOURSELF TO GOD

- Listen to Him
- Obey Him
- Follow Him

RESIST

NOT TO GIVE IN, PUSH BACK WITH ALL OF YOUR RESOURCES (INSTEAD OF FOCUSING ON "REBUKING" THE DEVIL, WE SHOULD FOCUS ON RESISTING HIM)

RELEASE

- He Knows he cannot have victory over us
- There are people that are going leave your so fast
- You have to be ready for a quick exit

What are some ways you can submit to God, What are some things that you need to resist? What are some things you need to release? What are some things you can focus on to help you as you live in submission to God?

MOVING FORWARD, I LIVE IN SUBMISSION TO GOD , RESISTING THE DEVIL, AND RELEASING THOSE THINGS THAT GOD DOES NOT WANT ME TO HAVE!

GOD IS ABOUT TO MAKE ROOM

God got some seats that he is going to showcase to you. There are going to be some people that have to look at your life and see what submission looks like. They are going to look at your life and see what resistance looks like. They got to see what letting go looks like.

LET'S GO BIBLE ON RESIST

James 4:7-10 MSG -[7-10] So let God work his will in you. Yell a loud no to the Devil and watch him scamper. Say a quiet yes to God and he'll be there in no time. Quit dabbling in sin.

Purify your inner life. Quit playing the field. Hit bottom, and cry your eyes out. The fun and games are over. Get serious, really serious. Get down on your knees before the Master; it's the only way you'll get on your feet.

- Don't be a victim of your choices
- Your deliverance is in your decisions
- Don't look like the version of you that happened to you
- You could be in the right moment with the wrong situation
- You have been given Dominion over yourself
- Stop giving people chances to change without evidence of change
- Releasing it means you no longer give it space in your mind
- A "yes" to God will immediately tell the enemy "no."
- A "yes" will lead you to where God is taking you

KINGDOM = God coming after you

RELIGION = You running after God

QUESTION

How does doing the right thing help you keep you in the favor of God?

DECLARATION

Whatever I resist today I will see the benefits tomorrow

I give God the same time that have given the enemy

I will live my life on the altar

I will pray so I can be kept in the place where God can trust me

Prayer keeps me focus on God

I will submit to God Daily and not the Temptations of this world

All thoughts that are not of God are returned to sender

When I resist, I resist with everything I got

Today I look at the one who gives out Favor

God, can you rebuke the devil for me!!

PRAYER

Father, I repent for making bad decisions. I repent for being jealous of others.

I repent for comparing myself with the ways of the world. Father help me to submit my heart to you. Help me to create a space where you and I can meet up. Help me to resist the temptations

of the devil. Lord, I do not want to be like the rich young ruler that did not want to release his riches. Help me to let go of those things that will weigh me down and keep me from receiving from you. In Jesus' name. Amen!