



Sermon Discussion Guide for Cumberland Fellowship Church Sermon Series: My Way: Week 2 (March 3, 2024)

This guide is a supplement to the weekly sermon. We encourage families and groups to use it. When we hear God's Word, we need to do more than listen. The bible says, "Be doers of the word, not hearers only" (James 1:22). Step 1: GATHER with your family or group. Step 2: REVIEW and DISCUSS the key points and scriptures from the sermon. Step 3: PRAY for the prayer requests shared by your family or group.

DISCUSSION STARTER

Adam and Eve purposefully rebelled against God's way. Because of that they deserve punishment. What happens next is God instituting his way. What was God's way to deal with this?

DIGGING DEEPER 1

Read Genesis 4:5, 16; Hebrews 11:4. Using a good Bible Study tools like [Bible Hub \(biblehub.com\)](http://Bible Hub (biblehub.com)), [Blue Letter Bible \(blueletterbible.org\)](http://Blue Letter Bible (blueletterbible.org)), [Got Questions \(gotquestions.org\)](http://Got Questions (gotquestions.org)), and [Enduring Word \(enduringword.com\)](http://Enduring Word (enduringword.com)) study through these scriptures before responding to the following questions: Because of the sacrifice of the innocent animal in the garden (Genesis 3:21), God has begun a process of offering sacrifices. What type of animal was Abel's flock? What is the importance/significance of the fat of the animal? Why did Abel and his offering find favor with God and Cain and his offering not? See v3 and also Hebrews 11:4. Why did Cain react the way he did? The stain of Adam and Eve's sin spread to the next generation. In every generation since, human beings have been born with an aversion to God and an innate desire to do their own thing. Romans 3:23 and Romans 5:18 spell out the impact for all of humanity. And yet by God's grace, here we are studying His word and encouraging one another to grow in our love and devotion to Jesus. How come? What has happened to overcome our aversion to God? In what way does Abel still 'speak' today? How does the example of Abel help us today?

DIGGING DEEPER 2

Read Genesis 6:1-5. Using a good Bible Study tools like [Bible Hub \(biblehub.com\)](http://Bible Hub (biblehub.com)), [Blue Letter Bible \(blueletterbible.org\)](http://Blue Letter Bible (blueletterbible.org)), [Got Questions \(gotquestions.org\)](http://Got Questions (gotquestions.org)), and [Enduring Word \(enduringword.com\)](http://Enduring Word (enduringword.com)) study through these scriptures before responding to the following questions: Since Cain killed Abel, God allowed humanity to self-govern itself. What happens when God has a hands-off approach to humanity? What was the result of Humanity doing it their way? What did this cause in human hearts? Who was the author of man's rebellious spirit? How did their hearts become so evil? How could creation get so evil that God couldn't find but one righteous man. How does Satan keep the offspring of Eve from killing him? What could be so bad to make the world so evil? Who are the sons of God (Gen. 6:2; Job 1:6, 2:1, 38:7)? What type of angels (Jude 6-7)? Satan wants to be God, and he wants all of God's creation to follow his way. What did God say in Gen. 6:3? What does this mean, "his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." How does this reveal God's grace and loving kindness?

DIGGING DEEPER 3

Read Genesis 6:11-12. Using a good Bible Study tools like [Bible Hub \(biblehub.com\)](http://Bible Hub (biblehub.com)), [Blue Letter Bible \(blueletterbible.org\)](http://Blue Letter Bible (blueletterbible.org)), [Got Questions \(gotquestions.org\)](http://Got Questions (gotquestions.org)), and [Enduring Word \(enduringword.com\)](http://Enduring Word (enduringword.com)) study through these scriptures before responding to the following questions: All the people on Earth had ruined their way. What is the way? How did they ruin their way? Should we follow our heart (Proverbs 28:26; Jeremiah 17:7, 9; Proverbs 3:5-6)? **Read Genesis 6:8-9.** Pre-Flood it seems as though Satan's plan has succeeded, but God said not so fast. What happens when you follow God's word and are obedient to it despite the pressure of a corrupt culture around you? How does Noah's life define this for us? God was going to destroy the human race, but Humanity found salvation through one man's righteousness. Why is Noah significant? Have you ever followed God's instructions even when it may not have made sense to a lot of the people around you? Can you share with your group what that experience was and how you saw God work through your circumstance?

DOING THE WORD

Is there an area of your life right now where you need biblical faith to persevere and endure? How have you wrestled with the connection between faith and obedience? How is faith expressed? Read Genesis 6:22. Can this be said about us? Can God say, "You did everything just as I commanded you." In what ways do you see our society to be "hitting the snooze" or "drugging yourself with distractions" to avoid the reality of Jesus's return and the final judgment? What about for yourself? What does being awake and sober look like in hopeful expectation of Jesus's return? (See 1 Thessalonians 5:6).