

**Sacred Life
Genesis 4:1-9**

What Does It Mean to See Life as Sacred?

- **All of life, from conception to the grave, is good, valuable, and sacred, regardless of the views and opinions of society or culture.**

- **We are our brother's keeper. (Genesis 4:1-9)**
- **Cain's question echoes on into our society.**
 - **We fail to see the connectedness of our lives and try to live as though we have no real responsibility to see to the needs of others around us.**

- **Who is our brother? (Luke 10:25-37)**
- **The lawyer who asked Jesus the question, "who is my neighbor," was essentially asking the question, "who am I responsible for caring for?"**
 - **The story answers the question by saying all of us are neighbors, but few of us live that way.**

- **What does it mean to be our brother's keeper? (Leviticus 19:9-18; 32-36)**
- **It means loving those on the margins of society. (v. 9-10, 14, 33-35)**
- **The poor, the foreigner, the weak, the vulnerable, the disabled**
- **It means valuing truth, fairness, and integrity as an individual and in our systems of government and society. (v. 11, 16, 35-36)**
 - **It means using authority well. (v. 13)**
 - **It means loving justice and judging righteously. (v. 15).**
 - **It means being a deeply forgiving and forgiven people. (v. 17-18)**
 - **It means honoring people from the moment of conception to the moment of death. (v. 32)**