



Main Scripture: Hebrews 11:4

What made Abel's offering a better offering than Cain's?

(Gen 4:2-7)

Why was Abel commended as righteous?

(Jam 2:17)

How is Abel still speaking?

(Gen 4:8-12, Num 32:23, Heb 4:13, Ex 12, Lev 16, 1 Pet 1:18-19, 1 Jn 2:1-2)

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The Small Group Sermon Study

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Prayer: *Father, in Jesus’ name, through the Holy Spirit, come and speak to us, teach us and transform us as we read, discuss and reflect on Your word.*

Icebreaker:

- When is a time you did things “your way” and then regretted it?
- What is it about our tendency as human beings to want to do things “our way?”
- Do you have a positive story of obeying God and seeing the blessing?

Read the key passages of Scripture from the message and review the points from the sermon notes, then answer the following questions:

- What marks the biggest difference between Cain and Abel (Genesis 4:2b-7)? Why was Abel included in the “Hall of Faith” (Hebrews 11:4)?
- What made Abel’s offering better than Cain’s?
- God considered Abel righteous. How is faith and obedience displayed through Abel’s sacrifice? What inspires you about Abel’s obedience? Do you feel convicted by Cain’s disobedience?
- How does Abel’s sacrifice point to Jesus (Philippians 2:8)?

Personal reflection: *Silently re-read the key passage(s) of Scripture from the sermon, asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you.*

- Why do we at times think we can “fool” God with partial obedience? (Hebrews 4:13). How does our culture promote a “good enough” attitude toward listening and obeying God?
- What would it look like to be someone who listens and obeys God fully?
- Do you need to surrender anything to Jesus?

Prayer: Spend time praying for one another. Take some time to invite the Holy Spirit to search your heart and ask him to highlight any areas where you are walking in disobedience (Psalm 139:24). Pray for one another to have courage to trust and obey God.