

For Class Interaction and Discussion

Lesson Outline

1. Introduction:

- Legacy of a righteous man
- Examples: Paul and Nero, Hitler, and Churchill
- Legacy of Abel: Hebrews 11.4

2. Background of Abel:

- Born outside of Eden
- Relationship with God
- Importance of positive faith

3. Understanding Abel's Sacrifice:

- Cain and Abel's offerings
- God's guidelines on worship
- The significance of Abel's faith

4. Abel Obtained Righteousness:

- Genesis 4.4b-5a
- Significance of obedient faith
- Difference between Abel and Cain's faith

5. Abel, Being Dead, Still Speaks:

- Cain's choice and its consequences
- Abel's continuous influence
- Abel's message today

6. What's in This for Us?

- Importance of legacy
- Power of genuine faith

Thought Questions for Discussion

1. How does the legacy of a righteous person differ from one that isn't righteous? Can you think of modern examples?
2. How did Abel demonstrate his faith in God differently from Cain?
3. What do you think the specific guidelines for worship were, given to Cain and Abel?

Hebrews 11.4

4 By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was approved as a righteous man, because God approved his gifts, and even though he is dead, he still speaks through his faith.

4. How does obedience play a role in faith? How is it different from just believing?
5. In what ways does Abel's story emphasize the importance of following God's prescribed way of worship?
6. How does Abel's sacrifice resonate with modern-day Christians? How can we apply the lessons from his life to ours?
7. In what ways do our choices today create a legacy for tomorrow?
8. How do our actions and choices today serve as a testimony to our faith?

Group Activity

Legacy Mapping: On a piece of paper, jot down:

1. One positive action or choice you made in the past that has had lasting effects.
2. One negative action or choice you made and its long-term consequences.
3. One action or choice you can make today to positively influence your legacy.

Scripture Dive: Read the following passages: John 8.31-32; James 2.14-26; and Ephesians 2.10. Discuss how true faith is always obedient.

Walking with God Today

Reflect on your own offerings to God during the upcoming week. Are you giving Him the best in every area of your life, or are there areas where you've been holding back? Journal your reflections.