

The Way of Cain

Genesis 4:8-16 | Paul Bauman

The Purpose

- ❖ Cain chooses and pursues a life of self-sufficiency and self-preservation.
 - a) He brings an offering for worship on his terms.
 - b) He rejects the obligations of family life.

-The word “brother” is emphasizing a mutual obligation and responsibility to care for one another.

God Responds

1. The ground will no longer produce for Cain.
2. Cain will never find rest.
 - Always searching – never finding
 - Always wandering – never home
 - Always haunted by fear – never at peace
3. Cain will face God’s justice.

Questions for Reflection

- ❖ Does God’s response to Cain’s rebellion seem unreasonably gracious to you?
- ❖ How serious do you take God’s warning regarding the reality of the “unsuspecting power of sin” in this life?
- ❖ Are you choosing vengeance rather than forgiveness towards someone in your life?



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026



Membership: We are excited to welcome our newest members: Elijah & Haley Hackbart, Joe & Marissa Gremel, Karlie Schreiner, and Logan & Hannah Gleason! We have six spots left in our 2-hour membership class on March 7th!

Hillcrest Kids and Multiply will resume on Wednesday, January 14.



January 25 is Baptism Sunday! Water baptism by immersion is the public declaration of a life surrendered to Jesus. When you go ALL IN for Jesus, we go ALL IN to celebrate! If you are ready to be baptized or would like to sit down with one of the pastors to learn about baptism, use the QR code to sign up.



Challenge 2026 registration: Calling all 9th–12th graders—get ready for an unforgettable week of worship, teaching, and serving together in Kansas City July 13-17, 2026! Challenge is a powerful mix of conference, mission trip, and camp designed to help students live on mission for Jesus, grow deeper in their faith, and multiply disciples. Come experience the joy of knowing Jesus—and helping others do the same! Registration opens January 18, 2026! Scan the QR code to see more, and if interested in attending email office@hillcrestfc.org.



Newcomers Lunch: Join us February 1st in the Fellowship Hall today at 11:45 AM for a taco bar and a chance to explore ways to get connected at Hillcrest. Whether your brand new or you’ve been attending for awhile, if you’re looking for opportunities to get more involved, this is the perfect event for you!

College Lunch: We’d love to be your church home away from home! Join us for a free lunch on Sunday, February 15 at 11:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Come meet other college students, enjoy good food, and get connected.



Scan QR to give or use offering boxes on wall.

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WIFI: Proverbs3:5-6