



# GOSPEL COMMUNITIES

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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1. ***Review Gospel Appointment documents and distribute people to follow-up with from planning center.***
2. **Volunteering** — You can make a difference in the lives of others by sharing your gifts and talents here at Soma. Each week volunteers minister to others with the love and hope of Jesus Christ. Whatever your interests are, there is a place for you to serve with Soma's Volunteer Ministries.
  - SomaKids
  - Setup and Teardown
  - WhizKids
  - First Impressions
  - Audio/ Visual
  - Music
3. **KAA - Kids Across America (KAA)** is a phenomenal Christian camp for urban youth which offers the experience of a lifetime. During their seven days at camp, participants will experience the joys of a variety of outdoor activities, such as swimming, tubing, archery, high adventure courses, and biking. KAA provides a very safe and non-threatening environment in which youth have the opportunity to clearly hear and see the gospel.

***KAA cost \$165 but a \$25 deposit is needed to secure a spot.***

## Four I's Our strategy for reaching people for Christ

Our strategy for reaching people for Jesus Christ . . .

- **IDENTIFY** - Identify 1 - 4 people in your sphere of influence who do not have a relationship with Christ, who live within driving distance of our church.
- **INTERCEDE** - Pray for them for the next 30 days
- **INVEST** - Invest in them by building a relationship with them and/or by meeting a need in their lives

- **INVITE** - Invite them to Christ to or to church where the gospel is clearly presented.

## QUESTIONS

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- **Take 15-20 minutes for a leader to share their testimony, prayer concerns and pray for one another.**

READ ALOUD Genesis 4:1 - 26

After the fall of mankind in the Garden, God addresses Adam and Eve and the serpent. In Genesis 3 verses 15 and 16, God tells Eve there will be enmity, a battle between her offspring and the serpent. The serpent will bruise the heel of her offspring, but her offspring will crush the head of the serpent. The bruising of the heel is just a temporary blow, however the crushing of the head of the serpent is a final blow. God goes on to tell Eve that in pain she would bring forth children. As we read Genesis 4, we see God's words to Adam and Eve begin to unfold as the path to the Messiah, the one who will crush the head of the serpent, is established.

READ Genesis 4:1 - 26.

1. Adam and Eve become the first father and mother in verses 1 and 2. In Genesis 3:16, God is speaking to Eve about the consequences of her sin in the garden. How do the first two verses of Chapter 4 fulfill what was spoken of in Genesis 3:16?
2. Cain and Abel both brought offerings to the Lord. What is different about the two offerings? Why is one accepted and the other not?

READ Hebrews 11:4

3. How is Abel's offering in verse 4 similar in nature to the Gospel?
4. In these first few verses of Chapter 4, we see the two different natures of mankind. How would you describe them?
5. Cain was very displeased and upset that God did not accept/approve of his offering. What was the target of his displeasure and what should it have been and why? How is Cain's response to God's displeasure with his offering similar to our response when confronted with our own sinful nature?
6. What is the purpose of God's discussion with Cain in verses 6 & 7? What are the two options presented by God to Cain? What attributes of God are on display here?

7. How does God's pursuit of Cain in verses 6 and 7 apply to mankind today? What lesson should we take away from verses 6 & 7?

We see in verse 8, the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. As it was with his mother Eve, Cain has now let temptation take over. Cain's temptation turns to anger, and it gets the best of him. The temptation to kill his brother for his own shortcomings is now coming to fruition and the first ever recorded murder takes place.

Cain does not heed God's advice or warnings. He murders Abel in the field. Just like in the Garden with the fall of mankind; the act is now complete, and it can't be undone. God told Cain earlier, one unrepented sin will lead to another and this cycle will continue.

8. What were the motives behind Cain killing his brother?

READ 1 John 3:12

Verses 9-12 are reminiscent of a courtroom setting. God, the prosecuting attorney, has Cain on the stand. In verses 9 & 10, God presents the charges to Cain, "Where is your brother?" and "What have you done?" God presents the convicting evidence, "your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground."

9. Why do you think God asks these questions to Cain, when obviously God knows all about what has happened to Abel? What is Cain's response to God and what inferences can we draw from his response? How is this similar to how our rebellious nature sometimes deals with our own sin today?
10. What is the punishment handed down from God? Why not death?
11. What was Cain's response to God after punishment was pronounced and what circumstances would drive Cain to this response? What about Cain's response to the punishment is a continuance of his denial of God and his non-repentant attitude?
12. Cain's response to rejection was to murder his brother; God's response to rejection was to offer Cain mercy. What mercy did God show Cain in verse 15?
13. What do we see in Chapter 4 about the spiraling effect of Cain's initial unrepented sin? Has there been a time in your life that you have experienced this same spiraling out of control effect of unrepented sin?
14. Verses 19-24 lay out the genealogy of Cain. As you can tell from verse 23, Lamech has continued in the footsteps of his forefathers. What sins or laws is he guilty of committing?

15. In verse 25, God provides Adam and Eve with another son. His name is Seth. What is the significance of Seth's birth? For a hint, read Genesis 5: 28-29.