

Sermon Discussion Guide for small groups, families or individuals.

“Genesis – Exposed – Genesis 4:1-7”

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For starters:

1. Has there ever been a time in your life when you've been exposed for doing something wrong? If you can, share the experience. How did you respond?
2. If God were to expose your "life of worship" right now, would you be found like Cain or like Abel? Why or why not?
3. Mark defined worship as, "Our right response to who God is and what He has done." Do you agree? If not, why?

Digging in:

1. The text is very clear on the vocations of Cain and Abel. In light of their vocation, how do their offerings inform what our own "right response" should be?
2. Recap Genesis 3:8-19 and observe Genesis 4:5-7. Is it possible to hide from God? Who is ultimately responsible for our sin? What parallels do you see between these two accounts in Genesis? What does it reveal about God's character?
3. What parallel does Genesis 3:16 and 4:7 have? What does this tell us about sin? What does that mean to us?
4. God told Cain to rule over his sin. Read the following verses, what does this mean for you and me? What sin in our lives do we need help overcoming (i.e. anger, greed, jealousy, bitterness)? What does this say about God's character? (1 Corinthians 10:13; Daniel 3:17; 2 Peter 2:9)

Bringing it Home:

1. What are you responding to in your life? What is (at the heart) of getting the majority of your time and attention? What drives you the most? If it is not who God is and what He has done, what is it? If we asked those closest to you, would they say the same thing? Either the gospel fuels you, or something else does. (Matthew 6:24)
2. What understanding of a "life of worship" do you have now? How will that impact you today, or this week?
3. The offering is pleasing because of the offerer, not the offerer because of the offering. What are you guilty of doing as "worship" that isn't really worship at all?
4. How does this new understanding of worship affect how you "Gather" on the weekend at DCC?

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