

Step 1: Prayer

Step 2: Observation

- Begin reading Genesis chapters 4 and 5.
  - Who are the main characters in these chapters? (Adam, Eve, Cain, Abel, Seth, Noah, etc.)
  - What significant events are described?
    (Offerings by Cain and Abel, first murder, genealogies, etc.)
  - When do the events take place? (Timeline based on genealogies after the fall of man.)
  - Where do the events take place? (Outside the Garden of Eden, land of Nod.)
  - Why are these events important to the overall narrative of Genesis? (The consequences of sin, the spread of wickedness, the line of promise.)



#### Step 2: Interpretation

- Genesis 4:1-2
  - The birth of Cain and Abel and their significance.
- Genesis 4:3-5
  - Compare the offerings of Cain and Abel. Why was Abel's sacrifice accepted and not Cain's? Cross-reference with Hebrews 11:4.
- Genesis 4:6-7
  - Analyze God's warning to Cain. Crossreference with Romans 6:12-14.
- Genesis 4:8-9
  - Consider the first murder. What does Cain's response to God indicate about his attitude?



- Genesis 4:10-15
  - Understand the consequences of Cain's actions. What does God's mark on Cain signify?
- Genesis 4:16-24
  - Study the genealogies and note the increase of sin, especially Lamech's song. Discuss the rapid growth of wickedness.
- Genesis 4:25-26
  - Note the birth of Seth and the significance of people beginning to call on the name of the Lord.
- Genesis 5:1-32
  - Examine the genealogies, especially focusing on Enoch's unique relationship with God. Cross-reference with Hebrews 11:5-6.



Step 3: Application

- Reflect on personal faith. Like Abel, are your actions driven by sincere faith in God?
- Consider areas of pride or rebellion in your life, and how they can be surrendered to God.
- Discuss practical steps to 'walk with God' daily like Enoch.
- Reflect on the influence of family and community. How can you be a salt and light like Noah in your surroundings?



#### **Cross-Reference Scriptures**

- Faith and Offerings: Hebrews 11:4

"By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did."

Sin and Its Consequences: Romans 6:12-14
 "Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires."

- God's Warning and Sin's Desire: 1 Peter 5:8

"Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour."

- Life Outside the Garden: Romans 5:12

"Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—"



- Enoch's Walk with God: Hebrews 11:5-6

"By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death."

- Living in Peace: John 16:33

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

#### **Discussion Questions**

- 1. How does the story of Cain and Abel illustrate the importance of our heart's posture when we worship and offer gifts to God?
- 2. What does God's interaction with Cain teach us about His character and His expectations from us?



- 3. In what ways do you see the consequences of sin playing out in your personal life and community?
- 4. How might you, like Enoch, walk closely with God in a world filled with sin?
- 5. What lessons can we learn from Noah's righteousness in a time of widespread wickedness?

### **Practical Application**

 Daily Reflection: Spend time each day reflecting on your faith and actions. Ask God to reveal areas of pride and rebellion.



- 2. Community Involvement: Ask the Lord to reveal areas in your community that you can engage in that help nurture spiritual growth. Be a beacon of righteousness and hope.
- Memorize Key Verses: Commit to memory Genesis
  4:7 and Hebrews 11:6 as reminders of God's expectations and the importance of trusting His evaluations.
- 4. Prayer Focus: Set aside time to pray for guidance to walk faithfully with God and letting Him empower you to be a positive influence in your family and community for Him and His eternal purposes.