## SERMON DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What signs of humanity's decay do you observe in Cain's descendants (Compare Gen. 2:24; 4:19, 23-24)? What signs of humanity's decay do you observe in our society? What source of hope should we lean on in such circumstances?
- Compare Lamech's oath about vengeance (Gen. 4:24) to Jesus' command that we forgive a brother 77 times (Matt. 18:22). How does fallen human nature differ from Christlike character? Are you more known for vengeance and anger or forgiveness and kindness?
- Cain's identity was marred by violence, but his progeny's identity was marked by violence. How is the devaluation of life part and parcel with sinful rebellion against God? Where do you see evidences of this in our own society?
- Lamech's polygamy was an expression of rejection towards God's marital plan (See Gen. 2:24). How are perversions of the marital relationship part and parcel with sinful rebellion against God? Where do you see evidences of this in our own society?
- (Gen. 4) raises a key question, "What will you be known for?" Will people remember your achievements and cultural contributions, or will they remember your worship of the true and living God? in our affluent and self-indulgent society, we must be people who "call upon the name of the Lord." What practices of your life point to authentic worship of the true and living God?
- Abel by faith offers an acceptable sacrifice. Enosh by faith offers an acceptable prayer. These two are expressions of true religion. What are you offering to the Lord by faith? "Without faith it is impossible to please Him [God]."