

Life Group Discussion Guide

We First

May 3

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Art of Neighboring

Thursdays 7:30PM, beginning May 7

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What does it look like to love our literal neighbors well in this season of social distancing? We invite you to join us for a four-week online group experience to learn and discuss The Art of Neighboring.

LEADER NOTES

After Cain slayed his brother, he uttered a question that has been common amongst humanity ever since: “Am I my brother’s keeper?” This is an incredibly poignant question in this season. Pastor Jeremy asked us to consider what responsibility we have for the welfare of others. This discussion will welcome a variety of views. Make sure to stress the importance to listening to and respecting one another’s perspectives.

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

THIS WEEK’S TEXT

Genesis 4:3-10 (NLT)

When it was time for the harvest, Cain presented some of his crops as a gift to the Lord. ⁴ Abel also brought a gift—the best portions of the firstborn lambs from his flock. The Lord accepted Abel and his gift, ⁵ but he did not accept Cain and his gift. This made Cain very angry, and he looked dejected. ⁶ “Why are you so angry?” the Lord asked Cain. “Why do you look so dejected?” ⁷ You will be accepted if you do what is right. But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you. But you must subdue it and be its master.” ⁸ One day Cain suggested to his brother, “Let’s go out into the fields.” And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother, Abel, and killed him. ⁹ Afterward the Lord asked Cain, “Where is your brother? Where is Abel?” “I don’t know,” Cain responded. “Am I my brother’s guardian?” ¹⁰ But the Lord said, “What have you done? Listen! Your brother’s blood cries out to me from the ground!”

LOOK UP

What do you notice about the way God spoke to Cain, even after rejecting his offering (verses 6-7 of this week’s text)?

LOOK AROUND

What do you view as your most important responsibility?

In his message, Pastor Jeremy asked, “How wide is your ‘us’?” When you consider who your people or groups are, who do you tend to think of?

Do you agree with the axiom that everything touches everything? In other words, are there actions you make that have no affect on others, or does every action have a ripple effect?

LOOK AHEAD

What does it look like to be a keeper of others during this season?

PRAYER