

## Small Group Questions – Genesis 4:1-16

- 1) **Discuss** – Adam suggested in his sermon that we don't take sin as seriously as we should. Verse 7 warns that "it is crouching at the door, and seeks to devour you." And our responsibility is "to rule over it."

What does it mean in real, everyday terms to 'rule over' sin? What does it involve?

- 2) **Dig** – As a group, read the texts Cain and Abel are mentioned in the New Testament. What do you observe? How do these verses shine light on Genesis 4?

- Matthew 23:35
- Luke 11:51
- Heb 11:4; 12:24
- 1 John 3:12
- Jude 11

- 3) **Do** – The New Testament makes it clear that the Lord didn't have regard for Cain's offering because his sacrifice wasn't offered with faith (Heb 11:4). It was a heart issue. Jesus and James also teaches that sin and murder begins in the heart (Matt 5:21-26; James 1:15).

Where might sin in your heart be creeping into your worship and your relationships? How might you address these things?

**Guided Prayer Points** – After sharing prayer requests with your group pray through them along with the following:

- 1) **Praise God** for his warnings against sin (Gen 4:7)
- 2) **Confess to God** that you have sinned against him in your heart when it comes to your worship and your relationships.
- 3) **Thank God** that in Christ we have a brother whose blood cries out to God for our forgiveness rather than our cursing. For he became a curse for us (Gal 3:13; Heb 12:24).
- 4) **Ask God** to help you take your sin more seriously.

## Unreached People Group Of the Week – The Memon in Pakistan (0.0% Christian Adherent)

Present-day Memons are the descendants of Muslim converts from Hinduism. They are close to the Sunni Muslims of India and Pakistan and are totally unreached, with no known Christian witness to their community. Pray that they will desire to know the God who loves them. Pray that God would send workers to them and that they would have make use of the Christian Sindhi language resources available to them.