

THEME: NOTORIOUS
WEEK 1 CAIN
DISCUSSION STARTERS FOR HOUSEGROUPS

Read Gen. 4:1-16

1. Share something that immediately strikes you as you read this passage.
2. What drove Cain to kill his brother? Is this something we need to note and be on guard against?
3. We see the power of sin taking hold on Cain's life. Was it inevitable? Explain your answer. In what way or ways is your answer relevant to each of us today?
4. Although God punishes Cain, he also offers him protection v13-16 in his banishment. Why?
5. Hebrews 11:4 Does this verse shed any light for you on the Cain and Abel story. If so what?
6. 1 John 3: 10-12 Here is another new testament passage on the incident. What message is John trying to get across as he uses this story to reinforce his point?
7. What are the lessons to be learnt from this tragedy today?
 - a) by each of us as followers of Jesus
 - b) by the local church, in our case TBC
 - c) by society as a whole