

THE STORY OF GOD: SIN FILLS THE EARTH

GENESIS 4-11 — NOV 29, 2009

How does God respond to the first sin after The Fall? (4:1-7)

He invites Cain to trust Him, be forgiven from sin's guilt and freed from sin's power.

How does Cain respond to God's mercy? (4:8-16)

Cain turns his back on God, finds Abel, and kills him.

What results from Cain's sin?

Cain's offspring are godless (4:17-24).

Seth's offspring are godly (4:25—5:32).

But Seth's offspring marry godless women; everyone ends up far from God (6:1-5)

What happens with Noah? 6:6—9:29)

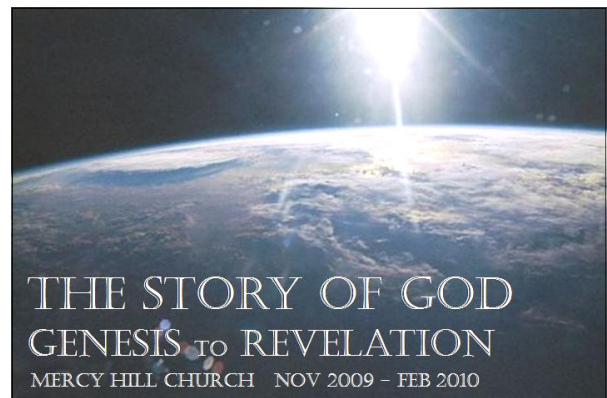
God saves him from judgment, but sin survives.

So where does this leave the earth? (10:1—11:32)

There is no one on the earth who walks with God, calls upon God, or trusts in God.

How does God respond? (12:1-3)

God saves a moon-worshiper named Abram (Joshua 24:2) and promises that through his offspring he will bring the blessing of knowing God to some in every people group on the earth.



HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through this passage?

What questions, ideas, objections, encouragements did you come away with?

Do you agree that half-hearted worship is not worship at all? What should we do when we are feeling half-hearted about worship?

How is God's word to Cain in 4:7 good news to him — and you? In what areas of your life do you need to hear this?

How does it affect you to think of God drowning everyone on the earth except Noah and his family?

Does it make sense that God can feel sorrow when looking at sin from a narrow perspective (just at the sin itself), but not feel sorrow when looking at sin from the wide-perspective (the sin and how it will display His glory)? Why or why not?

How do you feel when you think of God facing a world absolutely full of united wickedness (Gen 10 and 11), and responding by saving a moon-worshiper (Joshua 24:2) and promising that through his offspring individuals from every people group will have the blessing of knowing Him?

What's your take-away from this message? What are you going to do differently? When? How?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.

