

Texts: Genesis 4:1-7; Hebrews 11:4

God doesn't need your money, but He does want your heart. Money is tightly connected to what is in our hearts and where we place our trust. Giving to God trains our hearts to trust Him and live for His kingdom.

Why did God reject Cain and his offering but regard Abel and His offering?

- Hebrews 11:4
  - Abel's offering was given in faith.
  - Faith is actively putting confidence and trust in someone or something.

Giving is intended to reveal our object/s of trust and develop our faithful trust in God.

Giving to God in faithful trust is:

- Responding to God's grace  
(Genesis 3:21; Genesis 3:15; 2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Genesis 4:5b-7)
- Recognition that God is the source of all we have  
(Genesis 4:4; Proverbs 3:5-10)
- Releasing the resources God has entrusted to you for His kingdom's purposes (Matthew 6:19-24; Matthew 6:33)

Questions for reflection:

- What does my current giving (or lack of) reveal about my heart before God?
- Where am I struggling to trust God most?
- What is my next step in giving regularly to God?

*\*This template is for groups who continue to gather this summer while weekly, sermon-specific life group questions are not being provided.*

**Pray:** Lay down any distractions, control, fears, etc. that will keep you from fully engaging in your time together.

Looking Back:

What has God been teaching you lately as you've been applying what you're learning about Him?

Looking up:

What about the sermon was challenging, helpful, new, or interesting to you?

Did this sermon cause you to think about any other related Scriptures?

How does this sermon most speak to how you can grow in: Loving God; Loving one another; or Making His love known?

How did this sermon press you into prayer? What did God show you in prayer?

Looking forward:

What step of action is God calling you to take based on this study? How can our life group pray for and support you?

**Prayer:** How can we be praying for one another? How can we be praying for those in our lives who are far from God but near to us relationally?