

LIVING BEYOND

WHEN THE WORLD DOESN'T

DISCUSSION GUIDE

MAIN IDEA: Faith means we bring God our best (offering) and trust him with the results.

WELCOME 10 MINUTES

Highs and Lows - What was the high point of your week? What was a low point?

WORSHIP 10 MINUTES

Often we praise God for what he's done for us, but how often do we talk about what we want to give God out of reverence and worship of him? Offering is the theme of this week's passage so let's take some time to pray for what we want to bring God as an offering. We might even need to pray that God will give us the faith to offer him what we know he deserves. Here's a couple of categories of offering to consider:

- Time, resources, praise, pursuit of holiness, how we love others, how we minister and serve, etc.

WORD 35 MINUTES

Our fall series on Hebrews 11 will cover numerous Old Testament stories. So while our weekly discussion will unpack Hebrews 11 and the weekend message, let's also commit to reading God's word before meeting together so we have a fresh view of the whole story.

1. Read Genesis 4:1-16. What first stands out to you about this passage?
2. What was the sequence of events for Cain in this passage?
3. What do you notice about Cain's attitude throughout this passage?
4. While Cain was punished, how did God still show him grace (unmerited favor)?

5. Why did God honor Abel's offering above Cain's?
6. Read Hebrews 11:4. What was the heart of faith that Abel displayed through his sacrificial offering?
7. Abel still speaks today because his story is an example for all. What do you hope your legacy of faith will be?
8. Read Romans 12:1-2. How are you trying to offer your full self to God as an offering?
9. Is there an area you struggle with bringing God your best offering?
10. **Unleashed Moment:** How can our sacrificial generosity towards Unleashed and the new building be a spiritual practice of offering, not just material?

WORKS 15 MINUTES

1. Make sure you are establishing the four spiritual rhythms together as a community. Those rhythms are (1) Daily Devotion (2) Prayer (3) Serving (4) Celebration. If you need a guide to implement this as a community of faith, see the discussion guide from the weekend of September 20.
2. Daily Devotion: Read Genesis 5 and Jude 1 this week as preparation for next week's gathering.