

Sermon Discussion Guide

September 18, 2022

Cain Versus Snake

Genesis 4:1-16

Responses & Reactions

- What disturbed you, challenged you, or intrigued you in this week's message?

Digging Deeper

- Common biblical metaphors for sin including missing the mark, transgressing a boundary, dwelling in darkness, and—the case of Gen. 4—being enticed by a dangerous animal waiting to bite you. What does each one of these metaphors show us about the nature of sin and our relationship to it?
- What do we learn about God through God's interactions with Cain in this story? Does anything surprise you? Make you uncomfortable?

Bringing it Home

- What does it look like to “take mastery” over the snake? What helps you resist?
- Where do you need the support and prayers of others to accept the Spirit's power to say ‘no’ to something currently lurking outside your door?