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Student Questions:

Read Genesis 4: 3-9

1. Why did Cain kill his brother?
2. How often does jealousy cause us to hate others?
3. What does it mean when we hear that we can sin “in thought, word, and deed”?

“Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.” Romans 12:9-18

How does God think we should treat each other?

1. Make a list of the names of the last 3 people about whom you have said something nasty, insulted or hurt. (Be honest!)

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Point:

There are two ways we can go with this commandment. First and most obvious is the command not to kill. Much can be debated about the ethics of killing. What about during wartime? What about in self defense? What about abortion? Weeks can be spent on discussing these topics. While we want to touch on these in this session we are going to spend the bulk of our time on a holistic idea of killing.

It is the kind that we are all guilty of. Luther explains this commandment by saying that we should not hurt our neighbor in any way. Yet, we are all guilty of harming others by joking, teasing, harassing, talking behind someone's back, spreading gossip or lies, etc.... By doing this, we Kill someone emotionally, socially, spiritually, and sometimes even physically through the results.

Everyone's self-esteem is delicate and vulnerable. We depend on the feedback of others to maintain our sense of who we are. If others choose to abuse that position of power, our self-esteem crumbles. We feel bad about who we are and seek other ways to compensate: we act inappropriately to gain approval; we experience eating disorders to get thin; we medicate our pain with chemicals; and more. God calls us to love each other, to build each other up and to help each other in all our needs.

Scripture:

Romans 12:9-18



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