



### Rock Church rGroup Guide

Pastor Miles McPherson | My Brother's "Keeper" | June 21, 2020

### **D12 Monthly Focus for June: *Faithfully Avoids That Which Displeases You***

#### **Sermon Application from Sunday's Message:**

On Sunday 6/21, Pastor Miles presented his message around the topic of "My Brother's Keeper". He shared the story of Cain and Abel from Genesis 4 and the importance of really looking out for our brothers and sisters in Christ. Pastor Miles shared that we need to have forgiveness for others. We need not be blinded by unforgiveness. We need to guard, nurture, and protect other people with an honorable heart. Finally, we need to never become self-righteous in loving our brothers and sisters in Christ.

#### **Take time to read through the following statements and discuss the questions below in your group.**

- As a group, read Genesis 4:1-15
  - In this passage, we see the birth of both Cain and Abel. Next, Cain and Abel give God an offering. Abel's offering was acceptable to God while Cain's was unacceptable. Then, God actually encourages Cain to "do well" and to not let sin "master him". Next, we see Cain respond by killing Abel. When God asks Cain where his brother is, Cain responds by saying, "I don't know. Am I my brother's keeper?" Finally, Cain is punished to be a wanderer on the earth.
- In order to be a "brother's keeper," we all must have someone to keep. Who are the relatives, friends, or acquaintances whom God has put in your life to "keep"? Share with the group.
- In order to be a "brother's keeper," we must focus on *doing* right, not just *being* right. Regarding racism and social injustice, how, as your "brother's keeper," can you focus on doing right? Give examples.

- Self-care is important if we are to help “keep” others. What spiritual practices or disciplines do you “keep” in your own life to help “keep” yourself accountable to God? Share with the group.
- Finally, a brother’s keeper must “keep” as long as it takes. What will be your strategy to help “keep” the person that you are helping? Give examples.

### **Next Steps:**

- **Encourage your Group members to branch off and host their own groups for the new Third Option Book Club study starting June 28th. Have them text groups to 52525 for more information on hosting an rGroup.**

### **THIS MONTH'S MEMORY VERSE:**

This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. **John 15:12-13 NKJV**

### **This Week’s Bible Reading / The Bible Project Videos**

Song of Solomon 7-8 - <https://bibleproject.com/explore/song-of-songs/>

Isaiah 1-18 - <https://bibleproject.com/explore/isaiah/>

Proverbs 18 - <https://bibleproject.com/explore/proverbs/>