

"JUST SAY KNOW" BIBLE STUDY

My Brother's Keeper

Day 1 Read Genesis 4:1-16

The question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" is the first question in the Bible asked by man. This week's Bible Study will be exploring this question. It all started here in *Genesis*!

1. Why did Cain kill his brother?
2. Why did God ask Cain where his brother was?
3. What kind of attitude does Cain's response indicate?
4. In what ways do you see that attitude in yourself? In society? In the church?

Day 2 Read Luke 10:25-37

No where in the Bible is the question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" answered more clearly than in today's passage.

1. Who asked Jesus the question "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" What was his occupation?
2. According to this passage, the man answers his own question from the law. What was his answer?
3. The only way this man (or any person) can "justify himself" is to limit the extent of the law's demand and consequently limit his own responsibility. So he asks Jesus, "Who is my neighbor? After reading this passage, who does Jesus say is our neighbor?"

Day 3 Read Matthew 25:31-46

This passage also communicates that as followers of Christ, we are called to help the needy and neglecting to do so can have eternal consequences.

1. In this passage, there were two types of people. Compare and contrast them.
2. Who are we helping or neglecting when we help or neglect those around us?
3. Describe a time when you neglected someone in need. When you helped someone in need.

Day 4 Read Galatians 6:1-2, James 1:27 Philippians 2:1-5

Here is more scripture that drives home our call to help those around us.

1. What does it mean to carry other's burdens? Do you think "fulfilling the law" in *Galatians* is referring to the commandments in *Luke 10:27*?
2. According to *James 1:27*, what is "pure" religion?
3. In the *Philippians* passage, what should prompt us to look out for others and their needs?

Day 5 Read Mark 2:1-12

This is one of my favorite stories in the Bible. What amazing "neighbors" to do what they did!

1. How far are you willing to go for a neighbor?