

## Activity Sheet, 24 June 2018

### The problem of people

Genesis 4v17-26

- People bring complexity: need government to avoid chaos

#### (1) Creation of society

- not primitive
- not a long time
- not OK to kill

➤ “Lamech was a highly intelligent thug?” True or false?

➤ “Violence and bloodshed is a natural part of the world God made.” True or false? (e.g. see Genesis 4v10)

#### (2) Image of God...defaced

- family
- city
- culture
- justice

➤ How many children did Adam and Eve have? (a) 3, or (b) lots? (See Genesis 5v4)

➤ How does Lamech’s justice (v24) differ to God’s (v15)?

#### (3) Worship of self

- anxiety
- violence

➤ Comparing Cain and Lamech, which one is afraid of God, and which one ignores God as irrelevant?

➤ Who is Lamech’s poem about?

#### (4) A cry for help

- in control
- gift of Son
- community of forgiveness [Matthew 18v21-22]

► Have you called on the name of the LORD? [Romans 10v13]

➤ How is Jesus different to Lamech responding to attack? (See Luke 23v34, Isaiah 53v7)

#### Questions for discussion:

1. Why has God given government?
2. How is the Bible’s description of early humans different to that in evolution? Does it matter?
3. What is different about human culture to what is found among animals?
4. What attitude should Christians have towards cities?
5. Why should we value cultural achievements like those in v20-22? *How* should we value them?
6. Why are anxiety and violence natural consequences of rejecting God’s rule? How do we see that in our society today?
7. How can we persuade people that money, education, technology etc. can never be the answer to our deepest problems?