

## 1. Welcome

If this is your first time with us, we'd love to let you know more about who we are and what we do. Please let us know your email details in the chat and we will be in touch.

## 2. Get involved

### Covent Garden Prays - Wednesdays 8.15am-8.45am

We meet weekly to pray for each other and for the ministry.

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### Covent Garden Groups - Tuesdays 8am-8.55am

We meet weekly to study Mark's gospel. An excellent opportunity to deepen your faith.

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### Meet Jesus – Tuesdays 8am-8.55am

An exploratory discussion group on Mark's eyewitness account of Jesus. For the simply curious, total sceptic or anyone in between.

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## 3. Against the Tide - Finding God in an age of science

Before its US cinema release in mid November, the City ministry at St Helen's Bishopsgate is hosting (virtually) a special one-off screening of this fascinating film featuring Oxford mathematician Professor John Lennox and Kevin Sorbo. Whether you're a Christian, a sceptic, or an intrigued enquirer, this film is a must-see. (Watch the trailer [here](#).)

The screening will be followed by a live Q&A with John Lennox. Please register your interest via this [link](#) to get the full details.

## 4. Next week: Genesis 5

Join us next week as we continue our series in Genesis – CAST OUT

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**Genesis 3:1-24 (ESV)**

<sup>4</sup> Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." <sup>2</sup> And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. <sup>3</sup> In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, <sup>4</sup> and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup> but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. <sup>6</sup> The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? <sup>7</sup> If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it."

<sup>8</sup> Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. <sup>9</sup> Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" <sup>10</sup> And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. <sup>11</sup> And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. <sup>12</sup> When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." <sup>13</sup> Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. <sup>14</sup> Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." <sup>15</sup> Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him. <sup>16</sup> Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

<sup>17</sup> Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. When he built a city, he called the name of the city after the name of his son, Enoch. <sup>18</sup> To Enoch was born Irad, and Irad fathered Mehujael, and Mehujael fathered Methushael, and Methushael fathered Lamech. <sup>19</sup> And Lamech took two wives. The name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. <sup>20</sup> Adah bore Jabal; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock. <sup>21</sup> His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe. <sup>22</sup> Zillah also bore Tubal-cain; he was the forger of all instruments of bronze and iron. The sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah.

<sup>23</sup> Lamech said to his wives:

"Adah and Zillah, hear my voice;  
you wives of Lamech, listen to what I say:  
I have killed a man for wounding me,  
a young man for striking me.

<sup>24</sup> If Cain's revenge is sevenfold,  
then Lamech's is seventy-sevenfold."

<sup>25</sup> And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and called his name Seth, for she said, "God has appointed for me another offspring instead of Abel, for Cain killed him." <sup>26</sup> To Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time people began to call upon the name of the LORD.

## What does life without God look like?

### 1. Achieving a life further from God (v1-16)

#### *Similarities with C3*

3:9 "Where are you?"

3:13 "What have you done?"

3:17-19 Curses

3:24 Cast out east

4:9 "Where is Abel your brother?"

4:10 "What have you done?"

4:11 "Cursed"

4:16 Cast out east

#### *Differences with C3*

*More culpable*

*More defiant*

*More cursed*

*More self-pity*

*More cast out*

### 2. Flourishing without God (v17-24)

#### *Similarity with C2*

#### *Differences with C2*

## Main point: Human flourishing with chaos ensuing

### Discussion questions:

1. How do you see this picture of human flourishing with chaos ensuing being played out in our world?
2. Are there any specific ways today's passage might help when you feel drawn to a life without God?