

DISCUSSION GUIDE

FOR THE WANDERER SCORNED

1. How do you view the progression of sin in Kayin's life? Can you relate any of his journey to your own? What jealousies or proud thoughts do you struggle with?
2. Kayin begins his tale by naming the expulsion from the Garden as 'The banishment'. Is this how you view it from your reading of scripture? What were they being banished from? (see Gen. 3:21–24, Eph. 2:13, Rev. 2:7, Rev. 22:1–3.)
3. Did this narrative challenge your preconceptions of Cain or other notorious people? What parallels in the narrative can you see with ungodly behaviour as laid out in Jude v8–11? Perhaps you could take some time to pray for those you know who are wandering.
4. Kayin is an unreliable narrator: seeing things that are not there and taking words and actions to extremes. (It was a challenge to present the other characters fairly whilst maintaining Kayin's point of view!) Are there areas of your life or relationships that need re-examining? Perhaps you could bring this before the LORD, asking his Holy Spirit to clear your vision.
5. Are there times of suffering in your life that have drawn you closer to the LORD or pushed you further away? In the narrative, calling out to God and laying our questions and pain before him is demonstrated as a way of allowing Him to minister to us in those times. Does that match your own experience?
6. How did you relate to Havel in the story? Did you find him annoying (none of us are perfect!) Could you see any reflections of Jesus in him? Are there any 'prophets' in your own life who have helped you to hear God's words? Now might be a good time to thank God for them.
7. Adam continues to hold onto shame long after he has been forgiven. It has a massive impact on his family. Are you holding on to any shame regarding past sins? Perhaps it is time you claimed the promise of Isaiah 61:7: 'Instead of your shame you will receive a double portion, and instead of disgrace you will rejoice in your inheritance.' Jesus Christ endured the shame of the cross to remove yours. Try not to take it up again.