



## Week 5, Genesis 5 Discussion Questions

1. How do you feel about the idea of divine judgment? What do you think the world thinks of divine judgment? Why is this the case?

### Read Genesis 6:1-7 (and also vv.11-12)

2. Who do you think the 'sons of God' were? How about the Nephilim? Why is God so displeased with the situation and how does it compare to the ideal image of marriage presented in Genesis 2?
3. The situation presented in v.5 appears completely desperate. What is the implication of how 'wicked' humankind had become? Could it have been any worse?
4. What do you think is actually at the heart of the corruption that so displeases God?
5. What is God's response to the depth of the corruption?
6. What do you think is meant by *God was grieved*?
7. Just as the world was filled of violence (vv.11-12), v.6 says that God's heart was filled with pain. Have you ever thought of God feeling emotions? Why do you think God felt this way and how do you think he feels about the world today?
8. How is the flood salvation through judgment?

### Reach Genesis 6:8-22

9. As a surprising twist to God's response to the corruption, *grace finds Noah*. How is the choice of Noah more about grace and less about how 'good' he was?
10. What was God requesting of Noah?
11. What is the actual content of the covenant between God and Noah?
12. You will note that for the covenant to be enacted, it required a response from Noah. What did Noah have to do? What is at the heart of his willingness to do all that God commanded (especially in comparison to what was *at the heart of the corruption*)?
13. When have you felt God asking you to do something that may have seemed ridiculous at the time? What stops us from responding to God when he asks something of us?
14. How can we encourage each other to be more attentive to God's voice and obedient to his will for our lives?
15. To some degree, the flood was only a temporary reprieve from the power of evil. Do you agree?
16. In Matthew 24, Jesus speaks of a final time of judgment yet to come. How do you feel about there being a future (and final) time of judgment when Jesus returns?
17. How is Jesus our ark and why should Christians not fear the coming judgment?
18. How would you share with a friend that the idea of divine judgment is actually a good thing?