

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

The result of the knowledge of good and evil is that evil becomes dominant.

**AND THEN THERE WERE 8...
GENESIS 6**

1. REVIEW

Read Genesis 6:1-8. Describe the main point of these verses. What do they tell you about God's character?

Reflect on Genesis 6:9. What does it mean Noah was righteous and blameless? What does this mean for us?

Read Genesis 6:10-22. What does this reveal about God's character? Where have you seen hope in Gen. 6?

2. ASSESS

True, vulnerable confession of deeply rooted sin is not easy. You might find it better to divide into genders at this point in the conversation.

What sinful compromises does your heart lead you to? What is God teaching you about the intentions of the thoughts of your heart?

Which of the following areas do you struggle with most in your relationship with God: Knowing Him, Walking with Him, Obeying Him?

3. APPLY

Commit to specific goals surrounding whichever component of your relationship with God you just confessed you're struggling with most.

Pray together as David does in Psalm 139 that God would search you and know you, revealing sin or compromise you haven't dealt with.

MY GROUP'S APPLICATIONS

FOR FURTHER STUDY...

Throughout the Old Testament God has sovereignty orchestrated a narrative that gives Him great glory and that points to His son Jesus Christ (Luke 24:44, John 5:39). Because of this, one can see in characters such as Adam and Noah great parallels and contrasts to Jesus. For example, though Adam is the first created man Jesus is called the firstborn of all creation (Col. 1:15). This does not mean Jesus is a created being (which would mean he is not truly God) rather, it does mean Jesus is the first to usher in redemption by living the perfect life Adam couldn't. Jesus is the first to rise from the dead and bring God's grace to humanity (Rom. 5:15). Jesus called Adam to subdue the beasts and rule over them, but instead, Adam allowed the serpent to rule over him. Jesus, however, will crush the serpent. Jesus is the perfect image of God who was the catalyst for the image of God spreading across the earth (the birth of the church). Jesus is the greater Adam.

Similarly, Jesus is the greater Noah. Though Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord being a righteous man and blameless in his generation, Jesus was truly blameless by never sinning once. Though Noah saved his small family through intense waters of tribulation by his obedience to God, Jesus saved the family of God (those who have put their trust in Him) through intense tribulation on the cross. Noah was faithful to complete the work God called him to by devoting much of his life to creating the ark, but Jesus surrendered every moment of every day to perfectly fulfilling the work God called him to. One day, Jesus will create the New Heaven and New Earth (Rev. 21) where sin exists no more. Through Jesus, the ultimate "fresh start" is created. Noah was used by God to create a "fresh start" but after the events of the flood, Noah quickly turns to sin which continues to permeate throughout his family. There are many more comparisons that could be made, but the point here is to show that the historical accounts of the Old Testament fit into a larger narrative that points to the person of Jesus who faithfully accomplished what no man could prior to him.

SERMON NOTES

Genesis 6 tells us the story of the world's path to destruction and how God kept His promise through one man's faith.

1. Sinful compromise leads to increasing wickedness. (v1-5)
2. Wickedness leads to deserved judgment. (v6-7)
3. Judgment is abated by grace through faith. (v8-22, Hebrews 11:7)

Three ways we live by faith in a wicked culture:
1. Know God (v8)
2. Walk with God (v9)
3. Obey God (v22)

5 DAY READING PLAN

DAY 1

Ezekiel 47
What does it say?
What does it mean?
How should I respond?

DAY 2

John 15
What does it say?
What does it mean?
How should I respond?

DAY 3

John 16
What does it say?
What does it mean?
How should I respond?

DAY 4

John 17
What does it say?
What does it mean?
How should I respond?

DAY 5

Hebrews 11
What does it say?
What does it mean?
How should I respond?