



GENESIS

A WORLD BROKEN BY SIN

SESSION 21

Opening Discussion:

- 1 What's the craziest thing you've heard in the news lately? Something that made you shake your head and wonder, "What is this world coming to?"
- 2 How do you think God wants us to respond to all the crazy in this world?
- 3 In Genesis 6:3 we hear God declare that man has 120 years. What does that mean?

ROMANS 2:1-4

Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God? Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

Read Genesis 6:5-8

- 4 What is the sad realization about sin and its consequences mentioned in verse 7?
- 5 Consider the terrible implications that God was "sorry that He made man and was grieved to His heart." How easily we can look at the world today and even our own lives and wonder what God must think. How can we be sure that God has not given up on us and condemned us already?

PSALM 51:5

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

- 6 What is very interesting and telling about the way Genesis phrases the line "but Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord."

ROMANS 5:8

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



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God's Grief & The Flood



- 7 Consider the following bible passage:

2 PETER 3:1-7

This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. They will say, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.” For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

- ✦ How does the theory of evolution foster the kind of thinking Peter condemns in this section?
- ✦ What are some things that you would want to make sure to do if you knew that Jesus was coming back next week?

Read Genesis 6:9-22

- 8 While we've discussed that Noah “found” favor with God, implying he lived by faith in God's grace, even so, what will be the obvious sign of Noah's righteousness in the coming decades?

HEBREWS 11:7

By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.

- 9 Many scoff at the idea that Noah could have built a boat large enough to house all the animals. How big was the ark and how many animals could it have housed?
- 10 How does Genesis 6:19-20 indicate the way in which Noah will get all the animals gathered together and into the ark?
- 11 What is significant about the last sentence of chapter 6?