

Text: Genesis 5:1-6:12

Topics: Grace, Judgment, Sin, Walking with God

Series: Genesis: The Beginning of His-tory

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Swimming Upstream?

I. The Expansion of Humanity (5:1-32)

Even in His judgments for sin, the grace of God can be seen.

II. The Extent of Sin (6:1-7)

Sin permeates humanity, grieves God, and leads to judgment.

III. The Exception of One (8-12)

It is possible to live righteously in the midst of a sinful world.

The grace of God can help me walk with God and resist the permeating power of sin.

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.*

1. Would you agree that there is a permeating power to sin? Have you seen or experienced it?

2. Read Genesis chapter 5. Think about what has happened thus far in Genesis. Where do you see the grace and mercy of God?

Where is the pattern in the genealogy of chapter 5 different? What might the differences highlight?

Reflect on your own life. What are some of the ways you see God's grace toward you?

3. Read Genesis 6:1-7. What words are used to describe humanity?

What is God's reaction to the state of humanity?

How would you describe your own fear of getting entangled in sin?

How do you guard your own heart? (Proverbs 4:23)

4. Read Genesis 6:8-12. List the words used to describe Noah. Write a brief definition of each word.

How is the earth described? How did it get that way?

5. Noah serves as an example of living a righteous life in a world permeated with sin. Have you ever felt like your life is out of step with the world around you? Explain.

6. There is encouragement in this passage. What are some practical things you can do to prevent sin from overtaking you?