

SERMON: Blessing and Cursing
SERIES: Genesis the Beginning of the Gospel
SPEAKER: Pastor Brady

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CONNECT (5-10 minutes): Help the members of the group grow in relationships with one another so all people in the group know they matter. Spend some time discovering what is happening in the lives of your group members. Share how God has been revealing himself in each other's lives.

REVIEW (15-20 minutes): Use this time to review the passage and the sermon outline (see below).

Note: this is a great opportunity to share leadership.

Use these simple questions to review the sermon/passage or for if you don't have much time:

1. What does this passage teach you about God? About us?
2. How does this passage point us to the gospel? How does it challenge you? Change you?

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 5:1-6:8

SERMON OUTLINE:

- I. The Promise of God
- II. The Curse of Sin
- III. The Salvation of God

GROW (45-60 minutes): Use this time to go deeper with your group. Use these questions to discuss the sermon/passage:

1. Think about the blessing of Genesis 1:28 and the promise of Genesis 3:15. How does Genesis 5 connect back to these two verses? What promises has God made to us in the New Covenant that he is faithful in keeping?
2. As you think through Genesis 5 and 6:1-8 what do we learn about sin? After reading this passage does your definition of sin change at all? Read Romans 5:19. What does this verse teach us about SIN (the power of sin) and your own sinfulness?
3. Genesis 6:5 shows us the depths of our sin: Actions – Heart (desires) – Thoughts – Imaginations (“intentions”). The word “Imagination” or “Intentions” is the Hebrew word *yaser*. It is a word that means “to form.” The idea is that our imagination forms our life – it forms our thoughts, desires, and actions. If you don't like your actions or thought life you can trace it back to your imagination – how you perceive God, yourself, others, and life in general. Can you see this progression in your own life? Can you think of an example where your imagination affects how you think and act? How specifically can the gospel story change your imagination?
4. What does Genesis 6:6 teach us about God? Does this verse change how you look at your sin? See 2 Corinthians 7:9-10. Paul contrasts “godly grief” and “worldly grief” over sin. How might “godly grief” be connected to God's grief over sin? OR Why is it important in repentance that we understand the grief God feels over our sin?
5. What hope for salvation do we see in Genesis 5:1-6:8? (Hint: think about Enoch and Noah in 6:8). How would you connect this passage to Christ (think about Luke 3:23-38)? How does this passage point to the reality that God alone can save us from ourselves (think about John 3:3-6; 14-16)?

Pray: Praise God for his faithful promise keeping, admit to God that often the imaginations of your heart are against him, repent with godly grief, thank God for sending Jesus to be our substitute and our salvation.