



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Read Genesis 6:5-9 together.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Was there anything that you didn't understand? Discuss.
- 4) Commentator, John Hartley has this to say about the meaning of verse 5:

Yahweh saw that wickedness in society had reached an intolerable level. This assessment stands in bold contrast to the sixth day of creation, when God saw all that he had made was very good (1:31). Now every inclination of the thoughts in the hearts of humans was only evil all the time. Inclination means one's orientation or disposition. "Thoughts" is literally "heart," for the Hebrews took the heart as the center of a person's thinking, feeling, and willing. Also, "thoughts" refers to plans that are about to be acted on

What sticks out to you from Hartley's explanation? Discuss.

- 5) In verse 6, it says that the Lord "regretted that He had made man." If God knows everything that will ever happen, how can he regret something?
- 6) Verse 7 seems very harsh to our modern ears, and yet throughout the Bible we see that God is a just and righteous God who always does what is right. Why is God's justice necessary?
- 7) Noah found favor with God. Why do you think he found favor with God? (read also Hebrews 11:6-7). How can we find favor with God?

- 8) Chris said this morning that Noah found favor for a reason—God had something for him to do. How can we determine what God might be leading us to do this week, this year, with our lives?
- 9) End your time in prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to help apply to your life what you've been learning and discussing.