

Bible Study Questions

Genesis: The Story Begins – God’s Grace in a Dark World

Focus

Our sin is so bad that we can only be saved by the grace of God, but we will be saved by the grace of God no matter how evil the world gets, if we put our trust in His promised Deliverer, Jesus – the son of Adam, the son of God.

Read

[Genesis 5:1-6:8](#)

Listen

CCNYC teaching on Genesis which can be found on our [website](#)

As you study this passage on your own or with a small group of others, here are some questions for study, reflection, and application.

Questions for Review

(The purpose of these opening questions is to review the passage that was recently preached on in order to make sure that everyone understands the basic structure, events, people, and point of the passage.)

1. Work through some basic review questions for this passage:
 - What’s the context? (Where are we in Genesis; the Pentateuch; the Old Testament; and the Bible as a whole?)
 - Who are the main characters in this section?
 - Is time or place significant in the events that happen in the passage?
 - Is there a conflict or high point in this passage? (What is the structure of this passage that builds to that point?)
 - What was the main point or theme of this passage that was identified in Sunday’s sermon?
 - What surprises are there in this passage?
2. What questions do you still have about this passage that you’d like to discuss?

Questions for Reflection and Application

(The purpose of these reflection questions is to help each other not just understand what the passage is saying, but to think more deeply about what it means so that we can then accurately apply it to our lives today.)

1. How does Genesis 3:15 continue to inform these early chapters in Genesis?

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2. How do we see the grace of God in the genealogy of Adam through Seth? What does that reveal to you about God?
3. How do we see the grace of God in the life of Enoch? What hope does it point us to?
4. Would you describe yourself right now as someone who is walking ‘with God’? How might you pursue deeper intimacy and deeper fellowship with God? (cf. Hebrews 11:5-6)
5. Try not to get too hung up on debates over the several difficult interpretive issues in 6:1-5. In general, what’s the point being made and how is it relevant to this wider passage?
6. Sunday’s sermon posed three questions following from verses 5-7: *are things really that bad? Is God really that opposed to sin? Does God really have a right to be that opposed to sin?* How does an affirmative answer to those questions explain everything from the flood to the cross to the mission of the church?
7. How do we see God’s grace in the life of Noah? What makes that grace so significant in the context of this chapter?
8. Overall, what’s significant about the grace of God in this passage? What hope does it communicate to you and how you can apply that hope to your life right now? (cf. Ephesians 2:1-9)
9. Sunday’s sermon listed out many ways this passage leads us to Jesus and the fulfillment of God’s grace in Him (cf. Titus 2:11-14). How has this passage helped you to more fully rest in who Jesus is and what He has done for you by His grace?

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Ongoing questions to ask of any passage:

1. How does the gospel inform your understanding and application of this passage?
2. Has studying this passage in any way challenged your understanding about who God is and what He’s like? If so, how so?
3. In light of studying this passage, is there any behavior or attitude that you need to personally address in your life? If so, how specifically will you address it?
4. How does this passage help you to love, trust, and worship Jesus more fully?