

ORIGINS

SERMON SERIES ON GENESIS 1-11

SERMON LISTENING GUIDE // DATE: _____

Genesis 5:1-6:8 // This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. ² Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man when they were created. ³ When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth.

²⁸ When Lamech had lived 182 years, he fathered a son ²⁹ and called his name Noah, saying, "Out of the ground that the Lord has cursed, this one shall bring us relief from our work and from the painful toil of our hands." ³⁰ Lamech lived after he fathered Noah 595 years and had other sons and daughters. ³¹ Thus all the days of Lamech were 777 years, and he died. ³² After Noah was 500 years old, Noah fathered Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

¹ When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them, ² the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose. ³ Then the Lord said, "My Spirit shall not abide in[e] man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years." ⁴ The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown. ⁵ The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. ⁶ And the Lord regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. ⁷ So the Lord said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them."

⁸ But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

When Evil Seems to Reign Genesis 5:1-6:8

To what or whom do you turn when evil seems to reign?

I. The depth of evil

A. Corrupt culture (6:1-5a; Eph. 6:12)

B. Corrupt desires (6:5b; Jer. 17:9)

II. The defeat of evil

A. A suffering God (6:6; 1 Sam. 15:29)

B. Extreme measures of judgment and salvation (6:7-8)

C. Victory through one man (5:28-32; 6:8)

APPLICATION GUIDE

1. "If you don't understand the depth of evil, then you will bring an insufficient weapon to the fight." How have you seen this unfold in your personal life and in our culture?
2. How does God's willingness to take on your pain affect the way you relate to Him?
3. How do you react to God's extreme judgment in this passage? How can judgment be a source of comfort?
4. To whom or what are you turning in the midst of this Coronavirus crisis? With the reality of "social distancing", how can you point one another to Christ and avoid isolation?

COMMUNITY GROUPS

What are they?

The Bible is clear that God has designed life to be lived in dynamic relationships of trust and love. For this reason, Christ Church East also meets weekly in homes throughout the city for food, fellowship, Bible study and prayer. While groups meet weekly, they are not defined by a night of the week or a time on the clock. They are a people increasingly living their lives together and learning how to love one another in gospel community.

How do they work?

Groups are open to people in all seasons and walks of life. Each group provides child care so that the adults can focus on study, sharing, and prayer after a time of food and fellowship. On a regular basis, men and women break out separately to address gender specific needs.

If you are interested in joining a group, fill out a connect card, check the community group box and drop it off at the connect table after the service so that a leader can contact you. You are welcome to try several groups to determine which one might be the best fit for you and your family.

COMMUNITY BIBLE READING // MARCH 23-29

| Day | Date | Read |
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| Mon | 3/23/20 | Luke 23, Proverbs 11 |
| Tues | 3/24/20 | Luke 24, Proverbs 12 |
| Wed | 3/25/20 | Catch-up day, Proverbs 13 |
| Thurs | 3/26/20 | Catch-up day, Proverbs 14 |
| Fri | 3/27/20 | John 1:1-18, Proverbs 15:1-29 |
| Sat | 3/28/20 | John 1:19-2:12, Proverbs 15:30-33 |
| Sun | 3/29/20 | John 2:13-3:36, Proverbs 16 |