

Tuesday Bible Study: Week 7

# Genesis 6:1-8



October 22, 2024

1. Opening icebreaker: Is there a "land" (country, town, farm, homestead, etc.) that is important to you and your family history?
  
2. Based on last week's reading and this week's story of the "sons of God" and the Nephilim, how would you describe the state of humanity in Genesis 5 and 6?
  - a. Does this reflect our current condition? Have we gotten better, or worse? Why or why not?
  
3. What do you think is the difference between greed and ambition? When does desiring something good become a problem?
  
4. Has a desire for control ever gotten you in trouble? What made you realize that you were not in control after all?

5. In Genesis, God uses separation and boundaries as part of his ordering work in creation. Why is it important to have healthy separation and boundaries in our own lives?
  - a. What are some things in your life that you need to have limits or boundaries around?
  
6. Stories of giants, superheroes, and god-like warriors appear in almost every culture. Why do you think humans are so drawn to stories about giants, heroes, and other super powerful human-like beings?
  
7. Read Mark 7:17-23. Where does Jesus say that sinful behaviors begin?
  - a. What parallel do you see between this illustration from Jesus and the description of humanity in Genesis 6:5?
  
8. What is the relationship between thoughts and actions? How do they influence each other?
  - a. What helps you when you need to break out of a cycle of negative thinking?