The Generations of Adam

Genesis 5
Small Group Questions
WEEK OF OCTOBER 25-31, 2026

(1) Read Genesis 5:1-3.

   (a) What strikes you as significant in these opening verses of "the book of the genealogy of Adam"?

   (b) How does this new section of Genesis connect with what has come before?

(2) How does Genesis 5:28-32 connect with the next major section of Genesis that begins at Genesis 6:9-10?

   (a) What does that tell you about at least part of why Genesis 5:1-6:8 (one unified section) is in the book?

   (b) How does all of this connect back with the foundational promise of Genesis 3:15?

(3) What would you say to someone who likes to "skip the genealogies in the Bible because they're boring"?

   (a) Why would we be worse off without the genealogy of Genesis 5?

   (b) How would Luke's purpose in Luke 3:23-38 suffer without Genesis 5?

(4) While several biblical genealogies contain gaps for various reasons, why is it problematic and difficult to claim that there are gaps in the Genesis 5 genealogy?

   (a) Why do so many people insist on finding gaps here anyway?

   (b) What does it matter? What's at stake?

(5) How does Adam's genealogy in Genesis 5 stand over-against Cain's in Genesis 4?

   (a) Why is this important to what Moses is doing in Genesis 5? (HINT: It relates to Genesis 3:15.)

   (b) How is a seeing a successive line of righteous men sandwiched between Genesis 4 and Genesis 6 an encouragement and comfort? (Maybe look at the conditions of the world in Genesis 6....)

(6) Consider Genesis 5:21-24, Hebrews 11:5, and Jude 14-15.

   (a) What can we glean about Enoch?

   (b) How does he stand out uniquely in the Genesis 5 genealogy? How does Moses highlight him?

   (c) Riffing off of Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Ephesians 5:22-6:4, and bringing in other helpful Bible Texts, brainstorm together *specific* ways that we can walk in the long line of the faithful and leave the kind of legacy they did for the generations after us. (For the eagerly Reformed... yes, we know that will only happen according to God's will. ☺ But what's He calling US to do?)