Total Depravity

Genesis 6:1-8
Small Group Questions
WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1-7, 2026

(1) Read Genesis 6:1-8

   (a) This is the end of "the book of the genealogy [generations] of Adam that began at 5:1. How do you see this section connecting with chapter 5?

   (b) How does this bridge between chapter 5 and the events of the Flood judgment?

(2) What elements of this passage make it one of the most difficult texts in Genesis?

(3) What from the sermon was new to you as we explored this passage?

   (a) Between the "sons of Seth" view and the "fallen angels" view, do you have a direction you're leaning?

   (b) How come we ought to hold our conclusions here with charity toward one another?

(4) What is the main point of this passage? What does God want us to take away from it for "doctrine, reproof, correction, and training in righteousness" (2 Tim 3:16-17)?

(5) How do Peter and Jude seem to pick up on the events of this chapter in their epistles? What is similar between these three passages?

   Jude 5-8
   1 Peter 3:13-22
   2 Peter 2:1-11

(6) Why do so many people get sidetracked today focusing on the identity of the Nephilim (v 4... translated sometimes as "giants") and look for some role they play in the world today? How is this a futile attempt that misses the point of what God is saying in this text?

(7) How does this passage inform the biblical doctrine of Total Depravity (or Radical Depravity)? (First try to define that doctrine as a group.) Where else does Scripture teach this doctrine?

(8) What is significant about the Lord's response to the evil of the world in verses 6-8?

   (a) As we wrestle with God's regret that he had made man (v 6), how can we guard against the error of denying God's immutability (He cannot change) and sovereignty?

   (b) How is Noah's finding grace from God a key to where we need to focus as we live in the midst of a sinful world?