

Texts: Genesis 4:6-Genesis 9

Genesis 4:6-7 – Our emotions are indicators of deeper things going on in our hearts.

Genesis 4:8 – Unattended sin inside of us will lead to sin outside of us.

Genesis 4:23-24; 6:1-7 – Sin moves from personal, to social, to systemic.

- The way we handle our brokenness creates a culture around us (4:23-24)
- Sin engages the spiritual realm as well as the material realm (6:1-4)
- A world in which humanity pursues desires and ideas apart from God leads to corruption and destruction (6:5-7)

Genesis 6:8-10 – Noah's life is a call to live faithfully for God in the midst of a broken and corrupt world.

Genesis 6:11-7:24 – The flood is a reversal of God's original design.

Genesis 8:1 –

- God's faithfulness is our hope of salvation.
- God's Spirit brings restoration to what was lost and broken.

Genesis 8:20-21 –

God's mercy is the basis of our relationship with Him. The Gospel teaches that we act in response to who God is and what He has done, not in order to earn His mercy.

Pray: Lay down any distractions, control, fears, etc. that will keep you from fully engaging in your time together.

Looking Back:

Is there something God taught you this past week? Or is there something that happened that we can be praying about?

Looking up:

Read Genesis 4:6-8. We see here how Cain's unwillingness to address what was leading to his anger led to a destructive action. What emotion/s do you find that you struggle with most that leads to other problems around you?

What has been your experience with slowing down to ask "Why am I having this emotion and what is it revealing about what is going on in my heart?"?

In Genesis 4-9, we see sin moving from a personal issue, to relational, societal, and eventually systemic (as we see the systems, governments, etc. that result in the rest of the Old Testament). How do you see this in your own life? How do you see this in society?

Read Genesis 6:5-10 – What are the greatest pressures, temptations, and challenges you are facing in trying to live faithfully for God while surrounded by people and society that live very different than God's design? How can we pray for you?

Looking forward:

What is one way that God is challenging you to respond to this week's sermon/passage of Scripture?

Prayer: How can we be praying for one another? How can we be praying for those in our lives who are far from God but near to us relationally?