



## Home Worship Guide – Genesis 6:1-8

Complement to sermon on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013

### MEMORIZE

“The LORD was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain.”  
Genesis 3:21

### READ

Read Genesis 6:1-8

Humanity is reaching an all-time low. The effects from the fall in Genesis 3 have had disastrous repercussions. God had created mankind to be in intimate relationship with each other AND with Him. The fall distorted that and now man is seeking after everything except the One that created them.

Verse 5 tells us that “every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time.” Let us linger on that sentence a little. Let those words soak in. EVERY inclination. Not some, not most, not almost all. What does the text say that EVERY inclination was? Just a little bad? No, EVERY inclination was EVIL. And how often was EVERY inclination EVIL? A few times? Sometimes? Most times? Nope, EVERY inclination was EVIL...ALL the TIME! This is how far man had fallen.

What does this really mean? The text seems to suggest that this means they did not seek God. Instead, they sought the things of this world. They never thought about God. Instead, they dreamed up how they could bring themselves glory and satisfaction. They never worshipped God. Instead, through their actions they worshipped Satan.

All that is but one man: Noah. We will discuss Noah more next week. But what made Noah so special that God would keep him safe? Was he perfect? Sinless? Without fault? No, he needed Jesus just as much as the rest of us. Verse 9 lets us in on what made Noah different: “he walked with God.” While the rest of the world was pursuing the desires of their flesh, taking in all the sinful indulgences of the world, Noah spent his time walking with God.

#### Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What does it mean to walk with God?
2. How is your walk with God? Are you growing closer in relationship with and reliance on God?
3. What things of this world are you pursuing more than God? What have you married yourself to? What do you rely on or depend on more than God?

**Bottom Line:** We have a God who is more precious than anything this world has to offer. Seek Him!

### SING

**More Precious than Silver** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hnmliE1mJz4>

To personalize this song, pick three things that you really enjoy...sunset, your kids, spouse, car, the beach, etc. and sing these words instead of silver, diamonds and gold.

## SUGGESTIONS

These suggestions were created for specific age ranges as a way to help parents better communicate the biblical truths discussed in the Family Worship Guide. These suggestions are intended to help parents facilitate God-centered discussions with their children. Parents should prayerfully use these suggestions, and any other means necessary, to help their children discover the truths of God's word and worship Him together.

### Up to Preschool

- Pick an object from around the house and put it in a box. Show the box to your child(ren) and allow them one guess at what was in the box.
- Now, let them reach in the box and touch the object. Encourage them to feel all around.
- Once they are ready, let them guess what the object is. Repeat as much as you would like with different objects. Even let them pick an object for you to guess.
- Explain that we do not have to guess about who our God is. Just like we can reach our hand into the box, we can spend time with God through prayer and reading our bible.

### Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade

- Pick an object from around the house and put it in a box. Show the box to your child(ren) and allow them one guess at what was in the box.
- Now, play a game of 20 questions with your children about the item in the box.
- Explain that in order for us to know God, we need to walk with Him. That means reading our bible, praying, telling others about him, forgiving each other, etc. The more we do these things the more we will know our God.

### Middle to High School

- Read Hose 6 (especially 6:6) and Jeremiah 22 (especially 22:16)
- Discuss how these passages guide us in our relationship to God.
  - According to these passages, what does it mean to "know" God?
  - What implications do these passages have on being a disciple?
- What can you do with your family or at school or at work to "know" God more?
- Make sure none of these actions are confused with works based salvation. None of these passages say that this will get us eternal life or will save us. No, these actions are the outpouring of love and joy that come from one who has received salvation through Jesus Christ!

## PRAY

Father God, thank you that you are relentless in the pursuit of your people. Thank you for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who has provided the way for us to be in relationship with you. Thank you Jesus, for dying on a cross to bring us into fellowship with the Father.