



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

4 DECEMBER ORIGINAL ANCESTRY

This study guide should be used the week following the sermon it supplements.

MAIN TEXT: Genesis 5:1-6:9

This is the written account of Adam's family line. When God created mankind, he made them in the likeness of God. 2 He created them male and female and blessed them. And he named them "Mankind" when they were created.

3 When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth. 4 After Seth was born, Adam lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters. 5 Altogether, Adam lived a total of 930 years, and then he died.

6 When Seth had lived 105 years, he became the father of Enosh. 7 After he became the father of Enosh, Seth lived 807 years and had other sons and daughters. 8 Altogether, Seth lived a total of 912 years, and then he died.

9 When Enosh had lived 90 years, he became the father of Kenan. 10 After he became the father of Kenan, Enosh lived 815 years and had other sons and daughters. 11 Altogether, Enosh lived a total of 905 years, and then he died.

12 When Kenan had lived 70 years, he became the father of Mahalalel. 13 After he became the father of Mahalalel, Kenan lived 840 years and had other sons and daughters. 14 Altogether, Kenan lived a total of 910 years, and then he died.

15 When Mahalalel had lived 65 years, he became the father of Jared. 16 After he became the father of Jared, Mahalalel lived 830 years and had other sons and daughters. 17 Altogether, Mahalalel lived a total of 895 years, and then he died.

18 When Jared had lived 162 years, he became the father of Enoch. 19 After he became the father of Enoch, Jared lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters. 20 Altogether, Jared lived a total of 962 years, and then he died.

21 When Enoch had lived 65 years, he became the father of Methuselah. 22 After he became the father of Methuselah, Enoch walked faithfully with

GETTING STARTED

Discuss: In what ways are you becoming like your parents?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Who are our ultimate ancestors? What is the past that we cannot run from, painfully repeated throughout chapter 5? *Hint:* Adam and Eve; sin and death, "and he died."
2. Read some, not necessarily all, of Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7, 1 Peter 3:19-20 and Jude 6. Why is what happened in Genesis 6:1-4 so disappointing? How is it a reflection of our failure? *Hint:* Whatever your view on this passage, it is a shocking rebellious boundary breaking repeat of the 'fall' in Genesis 3.
3. Why is God right to judge? How does God 'suffer'? (compare Genesis 6:6 with John 11:35-38).
4. What hope is given in Genesis 5:22, 24 and 6:8-9? What does it mean to walk with God? *Hint:* believing in God, bowing to God; abiding with God.
5. Compare Lamech (Genesis 4:23-24) with Enoch (the seventh generations). How does this shed further light on what it means to walk with God?
6. Noah is called a "preacher of righteousness" (2 Peter 2:5). How can the way we live our lives preach the gospel?
7. Noah would have inevitably been mocked for building the Ark. How can we courageously walk the narrow and often unpopular road and shine like stars (Philippians 2:15)? *Hint:* When you see that Jesus bore it all and more when He was humiliated at the cross for you. Humbling yourself. When you know you're locked safe inside the greater Ark of Jesus Christ.

NEXT STEPS

1. Share ideas and ways that have helped you improve your walk with God. How do you make time for Him? How do you make the most of that time, in prayer and Bible study? How do you stay in fellowship with Him throughout the day?

God 300 years and had other sons and daughters. 23 Altogether, Enoch lived a total of 365 years. 24 Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away.

25 When Methuselah had lived 187 years, he became the father of Lamech. 26 After he became the father of Lamech, Methuselah lived 782 years and had other sons and daughters. 27 Altogether, Methuselah lived a total of 969 years, and then he died.

28 When Lamech had lived 182 years, he had a son. 29 He named him Noah[c] and said, "He will comfort us in the labor and painful toil of our hands caused by the ground the Lord has cursed." 30 After Noah was born, Lamech lived 595 years and had other sons and daughters. 31 Altogether, Lamech lived a total of 777 years, and then he died.

32 After Noah was 500 years old, he became the father of Shem, Ham and Japheth.

When human beings began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them, 2 the sons of God saw that the daughters of humans were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose. 3 Then the Lord said, "My Spirit will not contend with[a] humans forever, for they are mortal[b]; their days will be a hundred and twenty years."

4 The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God went to the daughters of humans and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown.

5 The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. 6 The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled. 7 So the Lord said, "I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them." 8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

9 This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God.

COMING UP

Carol Service | 11 Dec, 530pm
Christmas Celebration service | 18 Dec, 11am
Christmas Day service | 25 Dec, 11am

2. Make sure your group has completed the [My Names online form](#), sharing the names of 3-5 people you're planning to invite to church – family members, colleagues, friends, or whoever God puts on your heart, so the church can cover and support you in prayer.

3. Give extra time to pray for courage to invite people to the upcoming Christmas services, even if that leads to mockery and ridicule for your faith.

PRAYER

- Thank God for His rescue from sin and death.
- Ask for forgiveness for seeking to blend in rather than be bold for Him.
- Pray for help to walk with God and witness to Him.
- Pray for the Christmas services, for many to come and be impacted by Christ and experience His saving power.