

## Genesis 6:1-22



### Big Idea:

The story of the flood reveals a God who is both holy Judge and gracious Redeemer. Because God is our Redeemer, we can put our confidence in him and in his promises.

### Thought Exercise:

- Who are the Nephilim?
- Who are the sons of God and the daughters of men?
- What is the take-away from this specific passage?

### Items for discussion:

#### **Serious Situation (Gen 6:5-12)**

- Rebellion affects the whole, but a remnant remains intact.
- What are the visible symptoms of the disease of sin?
- Even before the Law was given, there was an expectation of appropriate behavior.
- Violence and corruption fill the hearts of all mankind.

#### **Extreme Obedience (6:13-22)**

- Have you ever been asked to do something that made no sense? How did you respond?
- Why was it necessary for Noah to bring the animals along?

#### **Holy and Gracious (7:11-12; 7:23; 8:3)**

- God's judgment is revealed in a difficult and harsh fashion. How do we reconcile this aspect of God's character with his faithful love and providence?
- God's grace is revealed in the new creation and in the covenant with Noah and mankind.
- What is different about this new beginning than the first one in Eden?

#### **The Promise (8:21; 9:7-17)**

- Even in a new start, God's purpose for creation remains consistent. What are the similarities between these two "beginnings"?
- What are some connections you have made between everyday items and significant life events?
- God is faithful and never fails to keep his promises.

God has created and brought to order and function to the earth, the rebellion of humanity against divine authority, and God's plan to restore mankind to his original purpose through grace and faith.

