CONNECT QUESTIONS

- 1) How have you seen God work in your life this week?
- 2) How have you struggled to obey God's Word and live out your faith in Christ this week?
- 3) Read Genesis 6:1-12. What is God feeling in response to human evil (vs 6)? How does that influence your reading of the passage as a whole?
- 4) Do you have feelings of sadness or grief when considering the evil in our world? What kinds of things grieve your heart?
- 5) In Christ, God conquered evil once and for all, and He offers us life (Col 2:13-15). How can we be witnesses of God's goodness and life to our broken world?
- 6) Take a moment to praise God, to pray for the needs of your group and our church, and to ask for God's guidance in the coming week.

Memory Passage

Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. — Ephesians 6:11-12 (NIV)

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Call to Worship

Songs of Praise

"We Give You Glory"

"Break Through"

"Create In Me a Clean Heart"

Prayer

Janan Wurzbach

Announcements / Greet One Another

Sermon

Pastor Travis

Giants, Violence, and the Grief of God

Songs of Praise

"Battle Belongs"

"Doxology"

Benediction

Genesis 6:1-12 (NASB)

¹ Now it came about, when mankind began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them, ² that the sons of God saw that the daughters of mankind were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose. ³ Then the LORD said, "My Spirit will not remain with man forever, because he is also flesh; nevertheless his days shall be 120 years." ⁴ The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of mankind, and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

⁵ Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of mankind was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. ⁶ So the LORD was sorry that He had made mankind on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. ⁷ Then the LORD said, "I will wipe out mankind whom I have created from the face of the land; mankind, and animals as well, and crawling things, and the birds of the sky. For I am sorry that I have made them." ⁸ But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

Notes:

Giants, Violence, and the Grief of God

⁹ These are *the records of* the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God. ¹⁰ And Noah fathered three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

¹¹ Now the earth was corrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹² And God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for humanity had corrupted its way upon the earth.