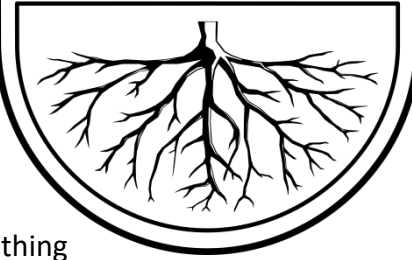




CONTEXT AND CLARIFICATION

Genesis 5:1-32

LIFE GROUPS



Q2: In Vs. 1 and as stated in the message on Sunday, the descendants of Adam and Seth are being reminded that they have been created in the image of God and blessed by Him. “The fall had not obliterated the image of God in them. And because they were image-bearers, they had unparalleled privilege potential...the blessing had been defined in 1:28 as physical procreation and multiplication” (K. Hughes). Still Bearing the image of God and the blessing still holding did something special for the people of God: They could hear God’s word, could rule and subdue the earth, and could live in relationship with God. Use this framework and discussion from the message on Sunday to challenge your group to think about how this would apply personally to them.

Q3: “Walked with God” was only applied to Enoch and Noah. This describes the closest personal communion with God – as if walking at the side of God. It is described as “walking along God’s path, in the same direction”. Enoch’s life is a model for others to follow in their life here on earth. Enoch’s walk with God worked out due to his faith. First his “God-pleasing faith literally believes that God is – that the awesome, sovereign God of creation is God”. Second Enoch believed that God rewards those who seek Him. Enoch also believed the opposite that God judges those who reject Him and continue to go their own way. The challenge is to not ask God to walk on our path but to walk along His path. Read the quote from Marcus Dods and ask your group question 3.

Q4 – Q5: As we see in the passage and mentioned in the message on Sunday, the predominant theme of the chapter is death, and we see the reign of death from Adam on through the generations despite all the human achievements. “Vast multitudes of people have been born bearing the image of God, originals all, so beautiful, so full of potential – but they have been plowed under. The rains have washed their names from the tombstones. Their bones are no more.” (K. Hughes). Today there is loss and death all around us and for some us it’s much closer than others with losing a parent, sibling, close friend, or grandparent. Depending on how close the loss and death is in our lives typically determines how well we have learned to cope with it all but for some we still struggle to cope. What happened to Enoch in this passage as we learned on Sunday, teaches us a very important lesson about how to handle loss and death in our lives: “Enoch was translated up to eternal life with God and was spared disease, death and corruption for the consolation and encouragement of believers, and to awaken them to hope of life after death” (K. Hughes). We can have comfort today in the fact that those that put their faith in Jesus will have victory over death.

Q6 – Q8: Since we know that there is hope for life after death then that should also change our perspective of how we think about the people that around us every day and challenge us to think about how we live our life in view of eternity. As we read in Colossians “since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things”. The things of this world are temporary but the souls in this world will live forever either with God or separated from Him. Challenge your group to really think about questions 6 - 7 and have an action to share the Gospel with someone in their life. For Question 8, challenge your group to view everything in life with an eternal mindset and think of practical changes in their own life.



LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

ICE BREAKER: What is your favorite place to hike and why?

1. Read Genesis 5:1-32. What insight, lesson, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? How was your experience with the Life Tool's this past week?
2. How do we bear the image of God and enjoy His blessing today?
3. Read Genesis 5:24 and Hebrews 11:5-6, how do we walk with God today?
4. How have you typically handled the loss and death that you have experienced in your life?
5. How often do you think of eternal life?
6. Do you mourn for those who do not have hope of life after death? Why or why not?
7. Is there someone in your life that you do or need to mourn for, and what is one thing you can do to share the hope of eternal life with them this week?
8. Read Colossians 3:1-3, how can your view of your job, finances, health, etc., change due to the hope you have of eternal life in Jesus?



FURTHER STUDY

John 17:3 (NIV)

³ Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

Jude 14-15 (NIV)

¹⁴ Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about them: "See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones ¹⁵ to judge everyone, and to convict all of them of all the ungodly acts they have committed in their ungodliness, and of all the defiant words ungodly sinners have spoken against him."^[a]

Hebrews 11:5-6 (NIV)

⁵ By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: "He could not be found, because God had taken him away."^[a] For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Romans 8:22 (NIV)

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

Colossians 3:1-3 (NIV)

Living as Those Made Alive in Christ

3 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.



We walk with God when He is in all our thoughts; not because we consciously think of Him at all times, but because He is naturally suggested to us by all we think of; as when any person or plan or idea has become important to us, no matter what we think of, our thought is always found recurring to this favorite object, so with the godly man everything has a connection with God and must be ruled by that connection. When some change in his circumstances is thought of, he has first of all to determine how the proposed change will affect his connection with God—will his conscience be equally clear, will he be able to live on the same friendly terms with God and so forth. When he falls into sin he cannot rest till he has resumed his place at God's side and walks again with Him.

- **Marcus Dods**

What does it mean to walk with God? It means to be reconciled to God through faith. It means to have come to God and asked forgiveness for your sin so that a relationship between you and God can be established. It means to be agreed with God, it means to be in fellowship with God, to be obedient to God, to love God.

- **John MacArthur**