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1. God's **patience** should not be mistaken for his **approval**.

"Then the people began to multiply on the earth, and daughters were born to them. The sons of God saw the beautiful women and took any they wanted as their wives. Then the Lord said, 'My Spirit will not put up with humans for such a long time, for they are only mortal flesh. In the future, their normal lifespan will be no more than 120 years.' In those days and for some time after, giant Nephilites lived on the earth, for whenever the sons of God had intercourse with women, they gave birth to children who became the heroes and famous warriors of ancient time." Genesis 6:1-4 (NLT)

2. God **grieves** over the effects of sin on his **creation**.

"The Lord observed the extent of human wickedness on the earth, and he saw that everything they thought or imagined was consistently and totally evil. So the Lord was sorry he had ever made them and put them on the earth. It broke his heart. And the Lord said, 'I will wipe this human race I have created from the face of the earth. Yes, and I will destroy every living thing – all the people, the large animals, the small animals that scurry on the ground, and even the birds of the sky. I am sorry I ever made them.' But Noah found favor with the Lord." Genesis 6:5-8 (NLT)

3. The earth still needs **righteous men and women**.

"This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, the only blameless person living on earth at the time, and he walked in close fellowship with God." Genesis 6:9 (NLT)

Connecting people to Jesus through intentional  
relationships with one another.

## Small Group Discussion Opportunities

### Questions specific to the teaching:

1. Read Genesis 6. God sees the wickedness of humans on the earth at this time. What does verse 6 say it does to his heart? Talk about a time someone close to you disappointed you, and it broke your heart.
2. How does verse 9 describe Noah? What are some characteristics of those who "walk in close fellowship with God"?
3. Read verses 14-16. What is the largest building project you have undertaken? What is something difficult you have done because of your faith?

### Life Oriented Questions:

1. What do we learn about God from this passage?
2. What do we learn about man/us from this passage?
3. What is God saying to you specifically through this passage as it pertains to your life, family, and work?
4. Considering what you've learned today, what is a next step you need to take in following Jesus with others?

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### September Prayer Focus: SCF Board of Elders

Lord, today we pray for those in leadership over our church, specifically our board of elders: Eldon Willis, Sarah Devaney, Dwayne Yancey, Greg Schlottmann, Greg Gammon, Doug McPartland, Andy Westby, and Jason Hall. May they honor you in everything they do, both in their roles as elders and in their personal lives. We pray you will give them a spirit of wisdom and revelation as they lead SCF in fulfilling its mission. Each day we pray our elders will put on the full armor of God as they increase in love and their knowledge of You. Bless them Lord, as they protect our church and fill them with joy in their service to SCF.

— Amen