

## **UP, IN, OUT:**

Take a few minutes and talk about how you can serve in and OUTward fashion this winter.

## **OPEN:**

When you think of wickedness in the world, what are some of the worst examples of wickedness in your opinion?

If you had the ability to eliminate one particular kind of wickedness simply by snapping your fingers, what would you choose to eliminate and why?

## **DIG:**

Read Genesis 6:1-8

This is a very challenging passage to understand. We're going to focus on three main things.

Sons of God and Daughters of Men:

- There are different ideas about who these sons of God are. As a group, work to come up with different options and try to come up with an answer. Be careful to allow the text itself to guide your thought process. You will probably want to do some external searching in Bible commentaries, study Bible notes, and trusted online sources such as [gotquestions.org](http://gotquestions.org), too. Take this slowly. Ask questions. Think critically.

Nephilim:

- You've probably already talked about the Nephilim in your earlier discussion. Who do you think they are? Why do you think God includes them in this passage? Again, let the text guide you, but also search in outside sources. You may want to use a concordance, cross-references, or an online Bible search tool to look for other info about the Nephilim in the Bible. Remember, think critically!

Wickedness and judgement:

- How is the wickedness of men described in this passage? What do you think about this description?
- Are there other Bible passages that would support the idea of the total depravity of man?
- What is the result of our wickedness?
- Compare a few different translations of verse 8 and talk about what it might mean for Noah to find favor or grace in the eyes of the Lord.
- How do people today find favor or grace in the eyes of the Lord? How do we not?

## **REFLECT:**

What's the main point of this passage? Why do you think God made sure to include it for us?

## **APPLY:**

How are you challenged to change your actions or thoughts as a result of this study?

## **PRAY:**