Let's Start at the Beginning: Genesis 1-11 July 25th, 2021 Jeff Bruce, Lead Pastor

Staying Faithful When the World Falls Apart (Genesis 4:25-5:32)

1.	There is still a	remnant that trusts	God	(Genesis 4:25; 5:1-3)
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2. This is a reminder of our dependence on God (Genesis 4:26)

3. There is always a *reward* for seeking God (Genesis 5:22-24)

For Further Thought and Discussion:

Getting Started:

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?

Going Deeper:

- 2. Genesis 4:17-24 describes the development of culture alongside the development of sin. How is Lamech's song (4:23-24) an example of using cultural advancements to magnify sin? Is the author implying that cities are inherently evil (compare Revelation 21:2)? What are some ways cities multiply and magnify the power of sin? Why is it important for us to keep this historical context in mind as we read about Seth and his line (4:25f)?
- 3. Why is Seth's birth significant (4:25)? How does Seth carry on God's redemptive mission in the world? How does the author indicate this (see also 3:15; 5:1-3)?

 Why does Seth name his son Enosh (4:26)? What's the meaning and significance of this name? How is Seth's naming of Enosh related to the second part of verse 26 ("At that time people began to call on the name of the LORD.")?
- 4. Read Genesis 5:1-32. How are the various figures in this genealogy described? How are we to understand their very long lifespans? What stands out about Enoch (5:22-24) in this group? How is he distinct? Compare and contrast Enoch with Lamech (4:23-24)? How are they related?

Application:

- 5. When the world is falling apart, we need to remember that there's still a remnant of God's people? How does this encourage us? How should it change the way we view serving God? Who is someone in the next generation you can invest in?
- 6. How do hard times reveal our dependence on God (4:26)? In what areas of your life do you need to be *more* desperate? Where do you need to be more prayerful in light of the challenges you're facing?
- 7. Read Hebrews 11:5-6? What fueled Enoch's faithfulness to God? What fuels us? What reward is guaranteed to us if we seek God? What reward is not guaranteed? Why is this critical for us to keep in mind?
- 8. What's one thing from this week's sermon that you can apply to your life?

Genesis 4:25 - 5:32

²⁵ And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and called his name Seth, for she said, "God has appointed for me another offspring instead of Abel, for Cain killed him." ²⁶ To Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time people began to call upon the name of the LORD.

5:1 This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. ² Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man when they were created. ³ When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth. ⁴ The days of Adam after he fathered Seth were 800 years; and he had other sons and daughters. ⁵ Thus all the days that Adam lived were 930 years, and he died. ⁶ When Seth had lived 105 years, he fathered Enosh. ⁷ Seth lived after he fathered Enosh 807 years and had other sons and daughters. 8 Thus all the days of Seth were 912 years, and he died. ⁹ When Enosh had lived 90 years, he fathered Kenan. ¹⁰ Enosh lived after he fathered Kenan 815 years and had other sons and daughters. ¹¹ Thus all the days of Enosh were 905 years, and he died. ¹² When Kenan had lived 70 years, he fathered Mahalalel. ¹³ Kenan lived after he fathered Mahalalel 840 years and had other sons and daughters. ¹⁴ Thus all the days of Kenan were 910 years, and he died. ¹⁵ When Mahalalel had lived 65 years, he fathered Jared. ¹⁶ Mahalalel lived after he fathered Jared 830 years and had other sons and daughters. ¹⁷ Thus all the days of Mahalalel were 895 years, and he died. ¹⁸ When Jared had lived 162 years he fathered Enoch. 19 Jared lived after he fathered Enoch 800 years and had other sons and daughters. ²⁰ Thus all the days of Jared were 962 years, and he died. ²¹ When Enoch had lived 65 years, he fathered Methuselah. ²² Enoch walked with God after he fathered Methuselah 300 years and had other sons and daughters. ²³ Thus all the days of Enoch were 365 years. ²⁴ Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him. ²⁵ When Methuselah had lived 187 years, he fathered Lamech. ²⁶ Methuselah lived after he fathered Lamech 782 years and had other sons and daughters. ²⁷ Thus all the days of Methuselah were 969 years, and he died. ²⁸ When Lamech had lived 122 years, he fathered a son ²⁹ and called his name Noah, saying, "Out of the ground that the LORD has cursed this one shall bring us relief from our work and from the painful toil of our hands." ³⁰ Lamech lived after he fathered Noah 595 years and had other sons and daughters. ³¹ Thus all the days of Lamech were 777 years, and he died. ³² After Noah was 500 years old, Noah fathered Shem, Ham, and Japheth.