
Study Questions for the January 16, 2022 Sermon:
“The Importance of History”
Genesis 5

1. Like every human apart from Jesus, Dr. Martin Luther King's character was a mix of vices and virtues. Yet he succeeded in winning battles against systemic racism, and also in convicting many people of their racist mindset.
 - a. Is there some societal evil, racism or other, against which you would like to fight?
 - b. Have you actively engaged in the battle against any societal evil?
 - c. If you believe there is a connection between spreading the gospel and fighting against injustice, support your answer with examples from scripture or history.
2. Three of the salvation stories in the Bible – the flood, the exodus, and birth of Jesus, are accompanied by genealogies. What, if anything, do the genealogies add to the reader's understanding of the stories?
3. *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.* Genesis 4:26. This verse suggests that, between the time that Abel was murdered, and that Enosh was born, people were not calling on the name of the Lord. State whether you agree and defend your answer.
4. Cite any reason given in scripture as to why Enoch was taken up into heaven without first experiencing death.
5. We may have some sense of our biological ancestry through family or historical records, or through DNA testing. Do Christians have a spiritual ancestry? Defend your answer.
6. Pastor Paul asked us to thank God for the people who were instrumental in our salvation, and to pray for those whom God is directing us to share the Gospel. If you have done either of these this week, share your experience.

7. *Thus all the days of Methuselah were 969 years, and he died.* Genesis 5:27
Interestingly, Methuselah lived longer than anyone, even longer than Adam.
- a. What biblical event occurred after the death of Methuselah?
 - b. Why might God have enabled Methuselah to live so long?
8. Why might the genealogy in chapter 5 begin with a reminder that humans are made in the likeness of God?
9. Here is what Martin Luther wrote about the fifth chapter of Genesis: "This is the greatest glory of the primitive world, that it had so many good, wise, and holy men at the same time. We must not think that these are ordinary names of plain people; but next to Christ and John the Baptist, they were the most outstanding heroes this world has ever produced. And on the Last Day we shall behold and admire their grandeur."

State why you agree or disagree with Luther's assessment.