

**1) How Bad is Sin, Really?**

**2) How Big is Grace?**

**3) How Thankful Ought We Be?**

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**Consider Memorizing**

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*Then the Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, **sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.**”*

*([Genesis 4:6-7](#), NIV)*

## Sermon based questions for further reflection:

1. RECONNECT...      i) What was the high point of your week?  
                              ii) What was the low point of your week?

*If you were a zoo-keeper, which animals would you enjoy visiting every day?  
Which animals would you sooner not keep?*

2. RECAP... Review the passage and [the message from this Sunday](#).

**What is [Genesis 4](#) about, in your own words?**

**i) Suppose the wisest person you know** warns your family tonight of your town's imminent destruction (volcano, fire, tornado), but you have no confirming evidence... which of the following would you do...

*a) Attend to business as usual? b) Pack a suitcase just in case?*

*c) Evacuate immediately? d) Call around to see what the neighbours are doing?*

*e) Climb onto your roof to watch? f) Run that wise guy out of town!?*

**ii) What moral, downward spiral can you detect in chapter 4?**

...Read [Genesis 6:1-8](#), what additional decay is seen?

*(Consider the possibility that "sons of god" refers to kings abusing power.)*

...what do you find disturbing about verse 5?

...why do you think God feels the way He does about human wickedness?

*(Compare [Romans 1:28-32](#))*

**iii) What is the "tone" of grace struck in [Genesis 6:13-7:5](#)?**

...what does this introduction to "covenant" suggest about God?

...what is the "tone" of grace in [Romans 10:9-13](#)?

**iv) Where would you be if God had let you repeat your worst sins?**

2. REVIEW ... **What is Jesus speaking to you about from this passage and this discussion?** (write it out...)

3. RESPOND... **what are you willing to do about the things that Jesus is speaking to you about?** (write it out... calendar it?)

**How might you turn the following into a prayer?**

*'So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.'* ([Genesis 1:27](#), NLT)

† some questions adapted from the NIV Serendipity Bible, p. 59-61.