**Date**: 2/9/20

**Scripture Text**: Genesis 8 (Read Gen. 8:20-9:1)

**Series:** ORIGINS—Genesis in the Light of Jesus

**Sermon Title**: You Do You

**Catching Up**

* Optional: Have each person share a “hi” and a “low” from the week (*recommended for newer groups*) or take prayer requests and spend some time praying for one another (*recommended for established groups*).
* Pray.
* Take a few minutes to read the Scripture text above (you may want to have each person read a paragraph around the table until the text is complete).
  + Did anything stand out to you or did you sense God speaking to you in Scripture reading today or during the service on Sunday?

[Feel free to let the discussion develop organically from here.]

KEY INSIGHT (optional): In essence, this text points out that God determines his own acts toward us on the basis of his own freedom. He is not under any “higher” law or karma or whatever. God is utterly free. This insight is the foundation for us understanding the kind of freedom he calls us to. God wants to free us to act as he acts—he always acts for his glory and the good of all. He wants us to be free to act for his glory and the good of all.

* In the text God explains that he will never again curse the ground again or destroy every living being *because* of the evil condition of the human heart. What is surprising about this claim?
* In the sermon, an illustration was given about “course corrections” in air travel. On average in any given flight, airplanes are technically off course about 90% of the time due to turbulence and environmental conditions (like storms), and yet most of the time they are able to arrive at their destination on time. This is due to an *internal guidance system* that always “remembers” (a) where the plane is going and (b) where it is supposed to be, so that no matter how off course it gets it is always able to course-correct and maintain the same basic trajectory. In other words, no matter what *external* factors that knock a plane off course, it never changes where a plane is going and where it should be, so as long as that is “remembered” *internally,* the plane can stay the course.
  + It no exaggeration to imagine that about 90% of our lives we’re “off course.”
  + What are some of the big and small things that knock us “off course” from our plans and life principles?
  + What are ways we tend to “circle around storms” rather than stay the course?
  + What can you do to better stay the course in your day to day life?