



GROWTH GROUP SERMON CURRICULUM

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GENESIS 6-9

“I ESTABLISH MY COVENANT WITH YOU, THAT NEVER AGAIN SHALL ALL FLESH BE CUT OFF BY THE WATERS OF THE FLOOD, AND NEVER AGAIN SHALL THERE BE A FLOOD TO DESTROY THE EARTH.” - GENESIS 9:11

FROM THE TEXT

- MOST RETELLINGS OF GENESIS 6-9 FOCUS ON NOAH'S ARK, THE ANIMALS, THE FLOOD, AND THE RAINBOW. WHAT THEMES STAND OUT THAT ARE NOT AS PREVELANT IN MOST RETELLINGS? (CONSIDER MAN'S WICKEDNESS, NOAH'S YEARS OF FAITH AND OBEDIENCE IN BUILDING THE ARK, GOD'S COVEANENT DESPITE MAN'S EVIL HEARTS, OR NOAH'S DRUNKENNESS AND NAKEDNESS AFTER THE FLOOD).
- HOW DOES THE STORY OF NOAH IN GENESIS 6-9 COMPARE TO THE STORY OF CREATION IN GENESIS 1? HOW DO THE PARALLELS BETWEEN THESE CHAPTERS REINFORCE GOD'S ORIGINAL CREATION INTENT?
- HOW DOES THE BLESSING OF NOAH AND THE COMMANDS GOD GIVES HIM IN GENESIS 9:1-7 APPLY TO ALL OF MANKIND? WHAT DOES IT TELL US ABOUT THE VALUE GOD PLACES ON LIFE?

FROM THE SERMON

- ON SUNDAY WE HEARD ABOUT MAN'S WICKEDNESS AND VIOLENCE (MAN'S UNRIGHTEOUSNESS). HOW DO YOU THINK GOD'S VIEW OF MAN SEEN IN GENESIS 6:1-6 AND 8:21 RESONATES WITH SOCIETY TODAY? HOW DOES IT RESONATE WITH YOUR OWN HEART?
- “NOAH FOUND FAVOR IN THE EYES OF THE LORD” (GENESIS 6:8). HOW WAS NOAH SEEN AS RIGHTEOUS IN GOD'S EYES? (DON'T FORGET GENESIS 8:21) READ HEBREWS 11:7. WHAT WAS THE RESULT OF NOAH'S FAITH?
- WE ALSO HEARD THAT THE STORY OF NOAH ULTIMATELY POINTS TO CHRIST, THAT THE ARK REPRESENTS JESUS CHRIST. DISCUSS THIS PARALLEL AND HOW ELSE THIS STORY POINTS FORWARD TO GOD'S FUTURE PLANS TO REDEEM MANKIND.

FOR YOUR LIFE | APPLICATION | ACCOUNTABILITY

- THIS STORY POINTS OUT THAT THERE WAS ONLY ONE WAY TO BE SAVED, BOARDING THE ARK. THE ARK REPRESENTS THE ONE MEANS OF SALVATION WE HAVE IN JESUS CHRIST. HAVE YOU PUT YOUR FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST? IF NOT WHAT IS HOLDING YOU BACK?
- HOW DOES THE STORY OF NOAH ENCOURAGE US TO EVALUATE OUR FAITH? EPHESIANS 2:8 HELPS MAKE CLEAR THAT WE ARE NOT SAVED BY OUR WORKS AND JAMES 2:17 WARNS US THAT FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD. HOW SHOULD YOU RESPOND TO THESE TRUTHS?
- THE TEXT TELLS US NOAH “DID ALL THAT GOD COMMANDED HIM” (GENEIS 6:22; 7:5, 16) . ARE YOU DOING ALL THAT GOD COMMANDS YOU? WHERE DO YOU STRUGGLE TO OBEY GOD'S COMMANDS? CONSIDER THE COMMANDS IN MATTHEW 28: 19-20 OR MARK 12: 29-31.

PRAYER FOCUS

PRAY THAT PEOPLE WOULD BE DRAWN TO JESUS CHRIST FOR THEIR SALVATION. PRAY FOR PEOPLES EYES TO BE OPENED TO THE WICKEDNESS OF THEIR HEART AND THEIR NEED FOR SALVATION. PRAY THAT OUR FAITH IN CHRIST WOULD PRODUCE FRUIT AND OBEDIENCE IN OUR LIFE.