

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, July 27, 2014

Passage: Genesis 6-9

Memory Passage: Genesis 9:11-13

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Gen 6:1-7.** Verses 1-4 are notoriously difficult to translate, and scholars, as well as Bible versions disagree with each other, so you are in good company if you are not sure of the answers to some of today's questions ☺!
- (b) Who are “the sons of God” and “the daughters of man” and why is their behavior (v. 2) sinful?
- (c) Does the “120 years” of v. 3 refer to man's lifespan or the time that will pass before the flood?
- (d) Some specific details might be disputed, but the important facts in these verses are not: Explain the problem (vs. 5-6) and the consequence (v. 7).

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Gen. 6:8-6:22.** How does the description of Noah and his sons differ from the descriptions found in 6:1-7, and why is the character of these men important to know at this juncture of the story?
- (b) Why has “all flesh” become wicked & completely evil (6:5), corrupt (6:11), and violent (6:14)?
- (c) Make a sketch of the ark as it is described in 6:14-16, including dimensions, and describe its cargo.
- (d) What do you think it was like for Noah during these days in which “he did all that God commanded him” (6:22)?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

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- (a) **Read Gen. 7:1-24.** God saw Noah and his family as “righteous” (7:1, see also 6:9). What exactly does this mean?
- (b) Are the animals mentioned in 7:2-3 in addition to, or a more specific description of, the ones mentioned in 6:19-20?
- (c) Why were the animals and birds saved along with the humans?
- (d) How would you answer this question from a person searching for truth: “Why would I want to worship a God who destroys the entire earth because He was disappointed in His own creation?”

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Gen. 8:1-22.** What did God “remember” about Noah and the others in the ark that caused Him to end the flood?
- (b) What similarities do you find between Genesis 8 and Genesis 1, and what does this teach you about God's intentions for the inhabitants of the ark?
- (c) Why is Moses so specific concerning the length of time for each event in the flood (i.e. 40 days & nights of flooding, 150 days of the flood prevailing, 150 days of the flood abating, etc.)?
- (d) What similarities & differences are there between 9:1-3 & 1:28-29 (the original Creation Mandate and its reiteration)?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Genesis 9:1-28.** Since the moral state of man was the same after the flood as before (cf. 8:21 with 6:5), why did God promise never again to cut off all flesh or destroy the earth by flood (8:21-22, 9:11)?
- (b) In what ways does Noah resemble Adam, and how does this inform you about Noah's role in God's promise (Gen. 3:15)?
- (c) How do you know that Noah is not The Promised Seed (9:20ff)?
- (d) What do you learn in these chapters about God's view of sin?
- (e) Why is the story of Noah, the flood, and God's covenant with Noah important to you today, and how does it strengthen your faith, your view of God, and your hope for the future?

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The Flood: God's Justice & Mercy