

New Beginnings | Genesis 6:1-8

2022 Spring #4 - 4/24/22

My Story Questions

These questions/activities help the group know one another and transition to deeper discussion. Choose one.

- 1) Take 5-10 minutes of time before discussion to hear the story of one of your members. Do this each week until all have shared.
- 2) What best describes you today: sinking in floodwaters, swimming downstream, tossed by waves?

Study Questions

These are meant for personal preparation and group discussion. Use all or pick a few to discuss.

Read Genesis 6:1-8

- 1) What phrases in vs 1-2 indicate God's ideal for marriage was in a downward spiral?
- 2) How has sexual immorality been normalized in the media today? Has this influenced your relationships?
- 3) What can you do to keep culture from dulling your senses to sin?
- 4) God's Spirit is at work to draw people to God, but there will be an end to that invitation. How long did the people of Noah's time have before the end?
- 5) Do you think it would be easier or harder to live for God if you knew the length of your days?
- 6) Read 2 Peter 3:9 Who can we be praying for in light of this warning?
- 7) The Nephilim were described as mighty men of renown. How is it true today that status and renown seem to describe the ungodly? Give examples where wickedness is exulted.
- 8) What is God's view of the wicked according to Psalm 1.
- 9) What can we do to keep the ungodly from gaining power and influence?
- 10) Notice (vs 5) that the Lord saw the heart. Why do we tend to focus on actions rather than our attitudes?
- 11) How is it true that "my sin is worse than I think."
- 12) What words in vs 6 show God's feelings toward sin?
- 13) God's regret does not mean he wished to change his mind, but reflects his sorrow at the inevitable suffering. How does Numbers 23:19 give clarity?
- 14) What do you think God feels as he sees his creation in 2022. Do you feel grief or anger?
- 15) The Lord wipes people out, but gives grace to Noah in vs 7-8. According to Ephesians 2:8 what part does faith play in receiving grace? Does this seem fair?
- 16) Jesus says Noah's flood ultimately points to the final judgment. See Matthew 24:37 and answer how the two are related.

Responding to Jesus

Offer these questions for personal reflection before your group prayer time.

- 1) Lord, Ask God, "Where am I following the culture more than I am following you?"
- 2) Lord, "What are the unseen attitudes that I need to confess?"
- 3) Lord, "What can help me trust your goodness, even when judgment comes or sin prevails?"