

The Flood (Genesis 6-7)

Beginnings: A Study of Genesis 1–12 Series Sermon Discussion Questions

1. What stories, books, or movies have shaped the way you think about Noah's Ark? How does that compare to what we actually read in Genesis 6-9?
2. The Flood narrative in Genesis is one of several Ancient Near East flood accounts. Why do you think God chose to reveal himself through a familiar cultural story instead of ignoring those other flood narratives all together?
3. **Read Genesis 6:5-8**
 - What stands out to you about God's assessment of humanity?
 - Why is verse 8 such an important turning point in the story?
 - What does this passage teach us about God's justice and his mercy?
4. **Read Genesis 6:9-22 and 7:1-10**
 - What does it mean that Noah was righteous and "walked with God?"
 - How did Noah demonstrate faith before he ever saw the flood?
 - What does Noah's obedience teach us about trusting God today?
5. **Read Genesis 7:11-24.**
 - What emotions does this passage stir in you?
 - Why is it important to remember the flood reveals both God's holiness and his justice?
 - How does this story also reveal his mercy and his grace?
6. **Read Genesis 6:6 and Genesis 7:23.** How does God's grief over humanity's sin, deepen your understanding of God's character?
7. **Read 1 Peter 3:18-21.** Why do you think Peter connects Noah's ark with Jesus and baptism?
8. Noah responded to God by faith- building an ark long before the rain came. What does responding to God by faith look like in your life right now? Is there an area where God is asking you to trust him before seeing the outcome?
9. If God brings hope in the midst of dark storms- where do you need God to bring hope in your life? How does understanding God's justice and his mercy shape how you walk through dark moments of life?

10. How can this group encourage each other to live with greater faith, trust, and hope this week?