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NOAH: THE COVERING

WE ARE ONE SERIES

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

We believe that God wants our relationships to be right. We've been talking about the dynamics between the family and the friends. When your relationships are right, your life is right. Family and friends determine the future and God wants our houses and lives to be healed.

Our families should be safe spaces. Every family has to deal with some level of drama and it's important to understand how to handle it. Let's extract some lessons from Noah, his family dynamic and learn how we should respond to what happens in our houses.

THIS WILL BE YOUR RECORD BREAKING YEAR.

Genesis 9:18-24 NIV - [18] The sons of Noah who came out of the ark were Shem, Ham and Japheth. (Ham was the father of Canaan.) [19] These were the three sons of Noah, and from them came the people who were scattered over the whole earth. [20] Noah, a man of the soil, proceeded to plant a vineyard. [21] When he drank some of its wine, he became drunk and lay uncovered inside his tent. [22] Ham, the father of Canaan, saw his father naked and told his two brothers outside. [23] But Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it across their shoulders; then they walked in backward and covered their father's naked body. Their faces were turned the other way so that they would not see their father naked. [24] When Noah awoke from his wine and found out what his youngest son had done to him,

THIS IS WHO HE WAS

*Genesis 6:9 NIV - **This is the account of Noah and his family.** Noah was a **righteous man, blameless** among the people of his time, and he walked **faithfully** with God.*

- Righteous
- Blameless
- Faithful

A BUILDER

*Genesis 6:15a NIV - This is how you are to **build** it:*

- You're the first to do it and don't have a point of reference.
- God is showing you how to do things that have never been done before.

A COVENANT KEEPER

*Genesis 6:18 NIV- **But I will establish my covenant with you,** and you will enter the ark – you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you.*

- What you're doing is bigger than you.

OBEDIENT

Genesis 6:22 NIV - *Noah did everything just as God commanded him.*

- Your obedience to God creates opportunities.
- Noah was obedient to God, even when it didn't make sense.

SURVIVOR

Genesis 7:24 NIV - *The waters flooded the earth for a hundred and fifty days.*

- You survived what should have killed you.

A LEADER

Genesis 8:18 NIV - *So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives.*

- There are benefits attached to you.

WORSHIPPER

Genesis 8:20 NIV - *Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it.*

- You have to worship God for what He has already done.

HE IS BLESSED

Genesis 9:1 NIV - *Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth.*

- The blessing of God is on your life and your entire family. You will increase in everything you do.

A SOWER

Genesis 9:20 - *Noah, a man of the soil, proceeded to plant a vineyard.*

- You will begin to do things you didn't think you could do.

NOAH WAS 11 THINGS

1. Righteous

2. Blameless

3. Faithful

4. A Builder

5. A Covenant Keeper

6. Obedient

7. A Survivor

8. A Leader

9. A Worshipper

10. Blessed

11. A Sower

When you look back over your life, what things have you been? Which of these attributes of Noah resonates with you most and why?

THERE ARE 97 VERSES OF HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- God created Noah's resume (Genesis 6-9).
- Live your life on full.

WHATEVER YOU FOCUS ON GETS BIGGER.

THIS IS WHAT HE DID

Genesis 9:21 NIV - When he drank some of its wine, he became drunk and lay uncovered inside his tent.

- Noah was in his private space, alone.
- Do not allow your private to become public.

What have you done in private that brought about public humiliation? How did you handle it?

PRACTICE DISCRETION UNTIL YOU GET DELIVERANCE.

THIS IS WHAT THEY DID

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- Be careful to not take constructive criticism from people that have never constructed anything.
- Everyone makes mistakes. Don't let the mistake outweigh your history with God.
- Make sure if the people in your family fall, they fall in a safe space.

How do you handle people creating drama in your home or space?

Proverbs 11:29 ESV - Whoever troubles his own household will inherit the wind, and the fool will be servant to the wise of heart.

- Don't tear down what built you up.
- How you respond is critical.
- Don't allow others to use your weakness as a strength for them.

Proverbs 11:29 MSG - Exploit or abuse your family, and end up with a fistful of air; common sense tells you it's a stupid way to live.

- Don't try to destroy your family.
- Be careful of those that try to tell you other people's stuff. Also, be careful who you share your secrets with.

DON'T MAGNIFY A MOMENT OF WEAKNESS.

3 THINGS THEY DID:

1. Covered his NAME

- Cover your name, even if it has to start with you.

2. Covered his ISSUES/WEAKNESS

- Don't act like you're perfect, take it to God.

3. Covered his FUTURE

- What's coming next is better than what's been. The future is great and bright.

Who in your circle can you trust to cover you? How do you know they're covering you?

DIVINE RECOVERY

Genesis 9:28-29 NIV- [28] After the flood Noah lived 350 years. [29] Noah lived a total of 950 years, and then he died.

- Noah lived 350 years after a bad day.
- Your good days outweigh your bad days.

What bad experience are you allowing to overtake the direction of your life? Why?

THERE'S A PROMISE ATTACHED TO YOUR NAME.

QUESTION

Who is covering you?

DECLARATION

I am blessed! I am fruitful! I will increase!

PRAYER

Lord, I thank You for reminding me that one bad decision does not define me. I am grateful for the realization that I am what You did and not what I did. Continue to show me who to remove from my circle. Strengthen me to be the one to cover my family and friends. Give me the discernment, wisdom, and knowledge to always respond with integrity, love, and grace in Jesus' name, Amen!