

ORIGINS

SERMON SERIES ON GENESIS 1-11

SERMON LISTENING GUIDE // DATE: _____

Genesis 8:20 – 9:17 // ²⁰ Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. ²¹ And when the Lord smelled the pleasing aroma, the Lord said in his heart, "I will never again curse[a] the ground because of man, for the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done. ²² While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."

¹ And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. ² The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth and upon every bird of the heavens, upon everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they are delivered. ³ Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. ⁴ But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. ⁵ And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man. ⁶ "Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image. ⁷ And you, be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it."⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹ 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." ¹² And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷ God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Preserving Life

Genesis 8:20 – 9:17

How does God preserve the gift of life in the midst of sin and brokenness?

I. God's sacrifice

- A. Noah's offering (v. 20; Lev. 1:3-4)
- B. God's response to Noah's offering (v. 21-22; Eph. 5:2; Heb. 13:15)

II. God's protection

- A. The ongoing threat of sin (v. 1-2, 5-6)
- B. The sacredness of life (v. 4-7; Lev. 17:11)
- C. God's protection of life (v. 5-6)

III. God's patience

- A. The covenant sign of the rainbow (v. 8-17)
- B. The forbearance of God (Rom. 3:25)

APPLICATION GUIDE

1. Is "offering up a sacrifice of praise to God" a regular rhythm in your life? Do you tend to look more at your sin or more at Christ's sacrifice? How does this impact your worship and joy?
2. How should the sacredness of life affect the way you treat those around you? What opportunities do you have to be God's agent of protection in someone's life?
3. How has God been patient with you? How does the rainbow, as the sign of God's covenant, give you new insight into his character?

MISSIONARY PRAYER // JOE NARAMORE - CAMPUS OUTREACH



Joe Naramore is an elder at CC Beaches and also on staff with Campus Outreach. This has been an interesting season of ministry with staff and students during the pandemic quarantine. "What we at one time lamented, we are now leveraging." This generation's high exposure to technology for relationships used to be an issue for building person to person interaction, now we're having to use that very venue to help staff and students stay connected in this season. God is still very much using this season to move students and staff closer in their walks with him. Students who were connected before and during this quarantine meet for weekly Bible studies online. Also, an online virtual project will begin in a few weeks to help them continue to grow spiritually through the summer!

Please join Joe in praying for:

- The staff this Spring and Summer to be refreshed spiritually during this quarantine period.
- Planning and preparing for the Summer virtual projects on the East Coast.
- Students to walk with Jesus and grow spiritually this Summer despite the challenging circumstances many of them find themselves in.
- Ongoing leadership and oversight from our churches shepherding our teams on the East Coast and the pastors leading them.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

What are they?

The Bible is clear that God has designed life to be lived in dynamic relationships of trust and love. For this reason, Christ Church East also meets weekly in homes throughout the city for food, fellowship, Bible study and prayer. While groups meet weekly, they are not defined by a night of the week or a time on the clock. They are a people increasingly living their lives together and learning how to love one another in gospel community.

How do they work?

Groups are open to people in all seasons and walks of life. Each group provides child care so that the adults can focus on study, sharing, and prayer after a time of food and fellowship. On a regular basis, men and women break out separately to address gender specific needs.

If you are interested in joining a group, fill out a connect card, check the community group box and drop it off at the connect table after the service so that a leader can contact you. You are welcome to try several groups to determine which one might be the best fit for you and your family.

COMMUNITY BIBLE READING // APRIL 27 - MAY 3

Day	Date	Read
Mon	4/27/20	Acts 12:25-13:52, Psalm 13
Tues	4/28/20	Acts 14:1-16:5, Psalm 14
Wed	4/29/20	Acts 16:6-17:34, Psalm 15
Thurs	4/30/20	Acts 18:1-19:20, Psalm 16
Fri	5/1/20	Acts 19:21-20:38, Psalm 17
Sat	5/2/20	Acts 21:1-22:29, Psalm 18
Sun	5/3/20	Acts 22:30-24:27, Psalm 19