

Small Group Questions – January 22, 2017

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LOOKING BACK: Hebrews 11:7

Noah was a person of faith; God spoke to him and gave him special instructions. He was warned of things not seen... A flood. Unless he built the ark, faith is not evident. His faith was vindicated when the flood came, but he had to wait 120 years for that to happen.

1. Can you imagine being Noah and what it would be like to be the only believer in a generation?
2. Where in your life are you the only believer?

DIGGING DEEPER: Genesis 6:5

The Lord was grieved that he had made human beings. It wasn't out of fits of rage that he sent destruction, it was out of sadness. God is slow to anger.

3. Why did God choose Noah to perpetuate mankind – What made Noah special?

Noah found favor. “But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.” Genesis 6:8

Favor = Grace. Grace always comes before righteousness. Noah did ALL as God commanded him, every detail was followed. His obedience was consistent throughout his life. He obeyed God with a Holy fear.

TAKING IT HOME: Noah built the Ark by Holy fear

- Blameless - unpolluted by the world
- Walked against the flow
- Walked with God in intimate friendship
- Walked in obedience

4. Do you walk in intimate friendship with God?

Our obedience is to last more than minutes, hours, days or even years. Rather, our obedience is to be as Noah's, over a lifetime. Pastor Dale shared a picture and talked about Defiance Gardens - amidst all the death and darkness, there will be a bright light. We are to be Defiance Gardens, symbols of light and clarity and people of faith.

5. How can you be a person of Holy fear, having a faith like Noah's?

"There needs to be an ark in our lives" - Dale Oquist

Bonus question - What Did Pastor Dale say not to do in the line at the grocery store?