



## **TALK IT OVER**

10/10/2021

**Message Series:** The Jesus Story

**Week # 4**

**Message:** The Flood

**Communicator:** Pastor Kevin Geer

**Big Idea:** God is just and also one of second chances

**Central Text/s:** Genesis 6

**Wins and Words of the Week:** Take time to share **WINS**, (what God did) and **WORD**, (what God shared with you from His word) that moved you and others forward and closer to Jesus.

**Ice Breaker:** What's your favorite animal? What animal would you just as soon not have let on the ark if you were Noah?

**Questions to Consider:** Choose questions that will work best for your group. Don't feel you need to "get through" all the questions like a grocery list. Feel free to add to or ask a question in a different way than is written. Trust God for the robust discussion and fruit.

1. How have you seen the adage "Show me your friends, and I'll show you your future" come to pass? What are some mannerisms, figures of speech, attitudes or thoughts that you have adopted based on proximity to others?
2. Read Genesis 6:5-7; and 2 Timothy 3:1-7. How would you describe the state of the culture at that time? How does that culture compare to our culture today?
3. What do you notice about God's response to the state of creation? What can we learn about the nature of God from these verses?
4. Read Genesis 6:6. Pastor Kevin felt that Genesis 6:6 is perhaps the saddest verse in the Bible. Would you agree? Why or why not? How do you feel when you realize you have sinned against God and others?
5. Read Genesis 6:8-7:5. What makes Noah a righteous man, blameless before God? What principles can we learn from his life?

### **Digging Deeper:**

6. What are some ways we can nurture proximity with God? What is one characteristic of God that you hope to look or act more like? What is the role of this group in the "principle of proximity" process?
7. Read Genesis 4:7. The verse discusses acceptance for doing right, and what happens if refusing to do what is right. What role does obedience play in receiving the blessings of God? What are some areas of obedience to God's direction and command that need attention in your life?
8. What sign is given to Noah and his descendants that demonstrates God's intention toward the earth and the people? (See Genesis 9:12-17) How is that sign, good news for us today? What does this sign tell us about the love God has for us? Explain



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9. Read Mathew 24:37-39. How does this passage compare to the Genesis narrative we just read? How do these verses make you feel? Sad, angry, happy, longing? Explain.

Are you interested in the Bible and in helping Life Groups benefit from the weekend message? We have a team for you! Canvas members like you create these discussion guides each week. If you are interested in joining the team, please email [rickz@canvas.church](mailto:rickz@canvas.church)

### **Group Prayer Options:**

- **Ask:** What was one praise and one challenge you experienced this week? Celebrate the praises and pray for the challenges.
- **Prayer Question:** "What's going on in our lives that we can involve Jesus?"
- Ask if anyone has a need or knows of a need, you can also offer "unspoken" prayer requests.
- **Pray for the person on your right, *it can be out loud or in silence*,** if in silence nudge the person next to you letting them know you are done.
- **Prayer Clusters:** Groups of two or three (by gender) and share your week together. Pray together and for each other. Send them a text, or leave a message letting them know you have prayed for them this week.
- **Have someone in your group keep a list of both requests and answers then celebrate the answers.**