

NOTES

Scripture: Genesis 6:1-13, Job 1:6, Job 2:1, Jude 1:3-7, 2 Peter 2:4-9, Matthew 22:30, 2 Corinthians 6:14-16, Matthew 24:36-39

REVIEW AND INTRODUCTION

1. Looking back over your notes, what did you find most helpful, challenging, or interesting in this week's teaching? Was there anything you've never heard before or something that made you think differently?

MY STORY

1. Chris said, 'Your life has significant meaning and that you were created for a purpose.' How does this knowledge impact the way you live and function?
2. There are parts in scripture that are "less than clear." How do you deal with scripture that is not clear? How can you manage these times well?
3. How are you mentally, emotionally, and spiritually when you realize you can't get all the answers you may want when reading the Bible?
4. Read Genesis 6:5-6, "...every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time." We think life is complicated and full of sin now. This scripture describes the times of Noah as pretty bleak. Does it help you to know that God has seen days worse than ours before?
5. Read Matthew 24:36-39. Jesus will return in a time that is reminiscent of the days of Noah. How does that make you feel? Are you prepared for Jesus to return?
6. Read Jude 1:3-4. Could this scripture be written about the times we live in today? Could they be written about your life? Have you ever taken advantage of God's grace and sinned, knowing that God is a forgiving God?
7. Consider how you are living life and making decisions. Are you choosing culture's way or God's way?
8. This week we saw how at times, we can get trapped in idolizing ungodly people and not realizing the influence of an ungodly culture. Can you think of any cultural influences you need to be aware of influencing your life?
9. Have you experienced a time when you and someone you know have different theological points of view? How has this impacted you? How have you responded to the other person?

10. Do you agree with the sons of God being fallen angels? Why or why not?

11. When you consider the world had grown to a significant population, and then God decided to eliminate all but two generations of one family, what is your takeaway? How do you process this?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read through these guiding scriptures and answer the corresponding questions.

Read Romans 14

There will be issues among the church that will be disputable (no clear line). How does Romans 14 help us think about how to handle those times?

Read Psalm 90

Considering all that we heard in the sermon, what verses stick out to you? How do we count our days?

Read Matthew 24:37

What can we conclude things might look like at the time Jesus comes (look back to Genesis 6:1-11)?

Matthew 25:1-13

How can we make sure we are prepared for Jesus' return?

BRINGING IT HOME

1. Chris said, 'When we choose obedience, we choose to be different.' What does that walk look like to you? Is that walk throughout your week, or do you just visit Him on the weekends?
2. Are there any situations you need to avoid or navigate better to strengthen your walk with God? If so, explain.
3. How can you be part of showing your circle of people what it means to follow God in today's world?

4. Chris said, 'You get to choose between following God and following culture.' God has a design that He makes known to us. His design addresses finances, relationships, personal habits, etc. In what areas of your life do you find it be the hardest to choose to follow God's design?

5. Read Genesis 6:8 "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD." God found one man through who He would begin again: 'Noah, who found grace in the eyes of the LORD.' Noah didn't earn grace, he found it. We don't earn grace, but we can find it. What does this mean to you? Do you tend to try to earn God's grace and mercy, or do you seek God to know Him, obey Him, and find His grace?
 - a. Read Ephesians 2:8 and Romans 3:24. How do these verses apply to this?

6. When you read Genesis 6:6, God regretted creating humans; what does that make you think? Do you think God might feel like this again when He looks at the world today? Why or why not? Who do you know that you'd consider to be, today, like Noah was in his world in his time?

Your Next Step: Take the time to define a few next steps in your continued pursuit of a godly life. Consider steps that will not only deepen your walk with God, but also, share Him with those you encounter.