



July 9, 2023 – Sermon Discussion Questions

ICEBREAKER

1. Highs and lows!
2. Ask if anybody has a crazy/funny story involving water or boats.

DIG A LITTLE DEEPER

- Review the message –
 - a. Due to corruption and violence God destroys the world with a flood but saves Noah and his family
 - b. The world still sins and disobeys God, so God sends Jesus to be the “rescue ark” for humanity
- Read Genesis 6 out loud
 - a. As you read Genesis is there anything that causes tension in you? Is it something you can name? If so why do you think that tension exists? (*Group leader note: this is a difficult passage of the bible. In this question we simply want people to be comfortable externally processing their struggles and doubts with a more difficult part of the bible*)
 - b. The bible is a divine book that has lessons for us now but we need to remember that it’s also a book written by humans to other humans at a specific time in history. Reading this passage, what do you think the author (who wrote this after the events happened) is trying to communicate to their audience then?
- Read Genesis 7:17-8:5 out loud
 - a. What emotions do you think Noah and his family must of felt going into the ark? What emotions did they feel coming out? Read again and put yourself in their shoes if you think it will help!
 - b. Noah went into the ark leaving behind a world that was doomed to destruction, he came out of the ark to a world of opportunity. Where in your life have you experienced this type of turn around? In other words name a time when you thought all hope was lost, but you made it through anyways.
- Read Matthew 24:37-39
 - a. There will be a day when Jesus comes back and all evil will be permanently wiped from the face of the earth. What kind of emotions does that stir up in you? Why?
 - b. How do you reconcile God’s judgement and love?
 - c. Jesus positions himself as the rescue plan for all humanity should they choose to believe in him, have you chosen to put your trust in him? Or are there people in your life that you want to come to know Jesus?

CLOSING

1. God gives us grace, but he also takes sin seriously. As people living after Jesus we wrestle with the tension of knowing we are forgiven, but still needing to understand how seriously God takes sin. Are there areas of your life where you’ve maybe taken advantage of the grace you’ve been given?
2. Do prayer requests!