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CHURCH OF MADISON

Sermon Guide for Tribes

April 10, 2022

Series Title: A Needed Rescue

Message Title: Why was mankind in need of rescue?

Scripture: Genesis 6:1-8 [ESV]

6 When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them, 2 the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose. 3 Then the Lord said, "My Spirit shall not abide in[a] man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years." 4 The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown.

5 The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6 And the Lord regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. 7 So the Lord said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them." 8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

Points of Consideration:

- Mankind is Singularly Wicked (v. 5)
- Mankind is Sorrowfully Wicked (v. 6)
- Mankind is Seriously Wicked (vs. 3, 7)

Discussion Questions:

Moses writes that in Noah's day, "every intention of the thoughts of his [mankind] was only evil continually." Could this be said of our hearts? What hope is there for a person's heart if this is true? Who is capable of changing an evil person's heart?

Anthropomorphism is a figure of speech that gives human qualities to God to help mankind understand God’s nature. As God reflects upon the wickedness of mankind, He expresses his thoughts to Moses as sorrow or grief. How might we understand this quality within the context of God’s justice? Though just in his punishment of mankind, does God take pleasure in punishing the wicked (cf. Ezekiel 33:11)? In light of this account, how should we respond to God’s offer of mercy today?

Judgment is a difficult truth with which we must grapple. Some may say, “God is love and not a wrathful judge.” Isn’t judgment a necessary condition for mercy and grace? God’s mercy relies upon the proper judgment that the one to whom mercy is offered is *in need* of mercy. How has God’s mercy been provided to us?

Prayer Guide for Tribes

Life Community Church, Weymouth, MA

<https://lifecommunity.cbcchurch.com/goto/forms/351/responses/new>

- The above link is the registration link for our Boston Mission trip July 18th-24th. The deadline for signup is May 1st! Please encourage your tribe to consider signing up! They can contact Jake (706-473-9466) for more details about the trip and fundraising!

1. OFFICIAL LAUNCH!- The Weymouth Parish of Life Community Church is officially launching Easter Sunday! Pray for God to be with this church from day one, His presence sought and felt in everything they do as they reach the greater Boston area.
2. A building- currently, LCC Weymouth is meeting in a local elementary school as a mobile church. While they have a great relationship with the school, having to borrow a space presents many inconveniences for all that the church would like to do and be. They are already praying that God would provide for them a permanent place to do ministry.
3. Recovering community- God is at work in Weymouth! LCC is experiencing radical life change in its members. They are surrounded by a massive community of addicts undergoing rehabilitation and recovery, and many of these individuals are finding healing at the foot of the cross! Pray specifically for Jake, Eric, Lucas, and Derek. These men found Christ in recovery and are leaders in this parish, passionately pursuing intimacy in their walk. Also pray for Kevin, a man who was saved just two weeks ago! He is still in recovery and is surrounded by men battling addiction, and he needs your prayer for strength and resilience.
4. Mobilize 2022- Fusion is planning a mission trip to Weymouth the week of July 18th-24th. Please push this trip in your Tribes! Signup deadline is May 1st. We will have an info meeting April 10th regarding cost, details, and fundraising ideas. In the meantime encourage prayer for them to consider attending as well as prayer over the trip, be it safety, gospel conversations, and opportunities to further the work of LCC.

Source of Light Ministries

1. Ukraine- SOL is running a relief initiative for Ukrainian refugees. Many of these refugees are fleeing into Romania, where SOL is funding a local church that has a

summer camp facility. The church is providing housing, food, diapers, beds, clothing and transportation, and information. Pray for these fundraising efforts!

2. SOL also just held trainings for directors for three new branches starting in Spain, Mexico, and Peru. Pray for these branches as they distribute discipleship courses and bring the Gospel to lost people.
3. New courses- SOL is currently writing new discipleship courses for children! All of their coursework is used worldwide, so praise God for the opportunity for these new materials to open doors for children all over the world to be raised in the knowledge of God!

Easter at Fusion!

1. **April 17th- Easter Sunday! Fusion is dreaming big. We've got three services planned, and we're praying expectantly that God would fill them up and that lives would be saved!**
 - a. **Also pray specifically for those who have been invited, whether by personal invitation or SaturateUSA! Pray for God to remove any obstacle or excuse that would prevent them from coming!**