



Small Group Discussion Questions
"Lessons From The Flood"
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The story of Noah and the Ark brings to mind all kinds of images. Noah and the Ark is a popular theme for a child's bedroom. The story has also been made into a movie...several, actually. Some of us have questions about the animals that came onto the ark. Others wonder about its size...what's a cubit, anyway? Amid all of the questions and curiosities, there are big theological truths that are central to the story of Noah. In this study, we'll focus on those truths.

Warm it Up

1. What was the most ambitious "do-it-yourself" project you ever attempted? Tell the story.

Talk it Over

2. Read Genesis 6:5-7. How does the Bible describe the human race? Mark said that sin is expensive. There is a personal cost, a relational cost and a cost to the created order. Do you see each of these in the verses? Do you see evidence of the cost of sin today? Where?
3. Noah stands alone in his world. How is his character described in Genesis 6:9 and 22? How would you explain the meaning of each characteristic described in verse 9? Can you think of other Biblical characters who had similar characteristics?
4. Noah was obedient to God. [verse 22]. What would some of the roadblocks to obedience have been for him?

5. Talk about any connection you see between Noah's character and obedience, and Jesus. Do you think in some way, the story of Noah points to the Gospel and the final solution to the sin problem? Discuss this.

6. Read Genesis 8:1, 20 and 21. What do we learn about God? How does this help your understanding of his heart for humanity? What would you conclude about the character of God from the story of Noah?

Work it Through

7. Read the following verses: What do they say about the condition of your heart?
 - Psalm 51:10
 - Romans 1:21
 - Jeremiah 17:9
 - Matthew 15:19

How accurate do you think the Bible is when it comes to showing us who we really are? In what sense is this good/helpful?

8. Read the following verses: How would you describe God's character?
 - Romans 1:18
 - Romans 5:8
 - Romans 2:5
 - II Peter 3:9

9. Read the following verses: What do they tell us about God's solution to the sin problem?
 - John 3:16
 - Acts 2:38
 - Romans 10:9-10
 - John 11:25

Pray it Through

Spend some time praying together. First, confessing your own sinfulness. Sin that breaks God's heart and hurts others. Then, spend a few minutes praying with gratitude for God's character. Both His righteousness and His love. Finally, re-commit your love and life to Jesus as a group – celebrating the truth that He is the solution to our sin problem!