

STUDY GUIDE

GENESIS: Week 6 6.29.14

[set up]

Do you have a LifeHouse story or a story of how you or someone you know has experienced new life in Christ from this last week?

Have you ever had to destroy something you made? Was it a painful or beneficial experience?

[digging deeper]

Review the entire flood account found in Genesis 6-9:17

What do you see in the authentic biblical account that differs from other accounts or portrayals that you have seen or heard over the years?

What are some of the most grievous parts of the flood account? How about confusing? What are redemptive elements about the flood account?

God condemns the world and with the exception of 8 people, implements a global execution. This is a challenging concept and a stumbling block to many people for belief in a God who could be so cruel. God does not need to defend Himself to us, but how would you answer that question if having a conversation with a skeptic?

(Ez. 33:11; 2Pe 2:5-9 ; Ex 34:6-7; Rom. 1:18 , Rom. 9:13-23)

Here are also a few resource links (among many) that may be of interest:

<http://www.desiringgod.org/all-resources/by-topic/the-wrath-of-god>

<http://theresurgence.com/2012/10/15/there-is-no-love-without-wrath>

<http://www.gotquestions.org/innocent-suffer.html>

<http://www.gotquestions.org/flood-just.html>

What do we learn about God's patience, mercy, holiness, justice and grace from the flood?

Although a sinner like all other men, What attributes of Noah were displayed that are worth imitating? (Heb. 11:7)

How is the account of Noah and the flood similar to our understanding of Jesus and His return? (Mat 24:37-39; 2 Peter 3:5-13 ; John 3:16; John 3:36 ; Rom. 5:8-11)

The book of Revelation describes the recreation of the world as even more glorious than the first creation. Compare Genesis 1:2-5 with Revelation 22:5, Genesis 1:6-10 with Revelation 21:1, and Genesis 1:14-19 with Revelation 21:23. What do you observe? What stirs inside you as you think about the restoration of the creation?



[living it out]

The flood was God hitting “reset”. What is something you need to “reset” in your life?

Noah was obedient to God. What is an issue or situation in your life that God has been speaking to you about that you need to show obedience? How can you take that first step today?

Like the flood, there will be a future day when God will execute His final justice upon the earth and upon mankind. Who do you know now that is not inside the “ark” of Jesus that will not be rescued on that final day? How are you trying to share with them the opportunity to be rescued through Jesus?

Lift up each answer to these questions in prayer as you close out this time.