

Genesis 6-9 – Bible Study

Opening question:

If you could only take one pair of animals on the Ark, which would you take?

Read:

Genesis 6:5-8 is a summary of the story.

However, if you would prefer a longer reading, you can read Genesis 6:5-22 and 9:8-13.

General question:

What stands out to you from this passage?

Further questions:

The human heart (6:5, 11-12)

1. “The inclination of the human heart was only evil all the time” (v5). Discuss what you think this looked like?
2. Jesus said (in Luke 17:26-27) that people were just carrying on as normal in days running up to the Ark. This could be a vulnerable question... But, are there any ways in which sin has become normal for you in your life?
3. Nat read this quote from William Golding (author of ‘Lord of the Flies’) during his talk - “Man produces evil as a Bee produces honey”. Discuss.
4. Are you ever tempted to “look within yourself” (as our culture often says) for the answer? If so, what does this look like? How can we depend on God more and look to him?

God’s heart (6:6, 13, 18 and 9:11)

i. ...is grieved

1. What do you think it means when it says, “it grieved him [God] to his heart”? How does this affect our image of what God is like?
2. Can you think of areas in your life that may be grieving God’s heart?
3. Read Ephesians 4:29-32. How does this speak to you? Are there ways you need to change in terms of how you speak to others?

ii. ...is righteous judgement

1. How easy do you find it to accept the idea of God’s judgement?
2. Nat said on Sunday that this was a pattern for how God works – “salvation through judgement... as judgement allows a line to be drawn and a new beginning to emerge”. What do you make of that? Can there be salvation without judgement? Discuss.

iii. ...is faithful

1. This covenant is one-sided. God fulfils it all. How easy do you find it to believe what God has done that for you in Jesus? Do you ever feel like you need to ‘work for your salvation’? What does that look like in your life?

Spend some time praying for each other. You find the song ‘Come and See’ by Graham Kendrick (that Nat quoted from on Sunday) online and listen to it as you pray.