

## **The Story Begins: The Creator Destroys and Redeems Genesis 6:5-22, 9:1-11**

I. God grieved as He judged the wickedness of the world.

1. God gives every opportunity for repentance before judging wickedness.

2 Peter 3:7-9 - "But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance."

Ezekiel 33:7 - "Now as for you, son of man, I have appointed you a watchman for the house of Israel; so you will hear a message from My mouth and give them warning from Me."

2. When God's judgment comes it will be unexpected.

Luke 17:26-27, 30 - "Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all... so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed."

3. When God's judgment comes it is not a place you want to be.

II. God provides salvation to those living by faith.

Hebrews 11:7 - "By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith."

1. Saving faith leads to a distinct life.

2. Saving faith leads to walking with God.

III. God commissioned Noah and his family.

1. Noah was part of God's bigger plan of redemption.

2. We are commissioned to take part in God's plan of redemption.

## **Family Faith Sheet**

Monthly Memory Verse - *Genesis 15:6* - "Then he believed in the LORD; and He counted it to him as righteousness."

### **Reviewing This Past Sunday The Story Begins: The Creator Destroys and Redeems Genesis 6:5-22, 9:1-11**

1. What are some sins in society today that we still see as shameful? What are sins we treat with indifference? What sins does our society boast about?
2. What is the significance of "grief" preceding God's judgment of sinful people? What does this description tell us about the character of God?
3. What picture of God do we have when we consider His anger apart from His grief? What about when we think of God as grieving but never angry? Why is it important to hold these two truths together?
4. What are some of the signs in Noah's life that demonstrated his faith in God? (Hebrews 11:7)
5. Why is it important that we recognize that God's grace must precede our obedience?
6. What lessons can we learn from Noah's example of faithfulness?
7. Compare Genesis 9:1-11 to the original mandate God gave Adam and Eve in Genesis 1:26-28. What similarities do you see? What are the differences?
8. Noah is described in the New Testament as "a herald of righteousness" (2 Peter 2:5). In what ways does our mission to call people to repentance and faith resemble Noah's example?

### **Preparing for Next Sunday The Story Begins: Slowing The Spread of Evil Genesis 11:1-9**

1. Read the passage and ask the Lord to reveal Himself and His truth. (Genesis 11:1-9)
2. HIGHLIGHT a verse or truth that stands out to you and write it out.
3. EXPLAIN the text in your own words to make sure you see the big picture of God's Story. (Who wrote it & why was it written? To whom it was written? What is the context? How does the text point to the Father, Son or Spirit? What is the text telling us about our new identity as believers in Christ or what we are to be doing?)
4. APPLY a truth from the text to your own life. (Focus on what God is saying to you and what is your act of obedience, confession, praise, going forward, giving thanks, etc.)
5. RESPOND in prayer and go apply what God reveals to you from the Scriptures.