



Q2: The obedience of Noah was important, but his obedience was not what made him righteous before God. “This approval of Noah is not saying that he is sinless but that he does not behave as the wicked of his day. This antithesis between the godly and wicked, first anticipated in the antagonism between the “seed” of the serpent and the woman (3:15), is continued by distinguishing Noah from his generation.”ⁱ Noah put his faith in God and walked with God. He was not perfect, but his faith in the one who could provide salvation is not just what saved him from the flood but saved his soul. “This is key in understanding ourselves today as we see how a soul is saved from destruction and is instructed in the doctrine of salvation” (K. Hughes)

Q3. In vs. 13 we see that the whole earth became filled with violence due to all the corruption from the people on the earth. “The justification for the calamity is the complete moral corruption of the human family and the defilement of the earth”ⁱⁱ The sin of everyone on earth continued to defile all humanity and even all creation on earth. The temptation of our sin so often is that no one will know about it and it won’t affect anyone. The truth is the exact opposite, God knows about everything we do, and He tells us that our sin not only affects us but affects those around us. Read Romans 6:21-23 and encourage the group to discuss their responses to this question.

Q4-5: God’s calling on Noah’s life was not a simple ask. God placed a large task on Noah and Noah obeyed everything God commanded of him. “We also glimpse what it means to walk with God, because to walk with Him is not a stroll. It means to go the same way in obedience—even as the cultures marches the other way” (K. Hughes). Challenge your group to really think about the task that God asked Noah to do and to think if there are areas in their own where God is asking them to do something that seems too big.

Q6: “For so long as life was promised to him on earth, never would he have been so intent as he ought, in the building of the ark; but, being alarmed by the judgment of God, he earnestly embraces the promise of life given unto him. He no longer relies upon the natural causes or means of life; but rests exclusively on the covenant of God, by which he was to be miraculously preserved.”ⁱⁱⁱ This story of Noah is another point in scripture that points to the cross of Christ and reminds us of the covenant that God made to send His son to the cross and many other promises in scripture. Read the quote from Brandon Smith and talk through the responses to this question.

Q7-8: It took Noah over 100 years to build the ark and during that time the culture around Him still continued down their same path in defiance of God. Noah and his family were the only ones that were listening to God and were the only ones building this ark. During that time Noah also preached the message of impending doom while building the ark despite no one listening. “In early Christian tradition Noah’s water and ark were deemed a type of the Lord’s cross whereby we are saved through “water, faith, and wood ... just as the wood of Noe” (Justin, *Dialogue* 138.2) and a type of the church at baptism (Tertullian, *On Baptism* 8.4). Noah’s story serves as an exhortation to righteousness and enduring faith in the face of degenerate times.”^{iv} Read 1 Peter 4:12-14 and talk through the responses on the last two questions.



LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

ICE BREAKER: What was the most challenging task you have learned how to do?

1. Read Genesis 6:9-22. What insight, lesson, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? How was your experience with the Life Tool's this past week?
2. What does it mean to be righteous?
3. How does the sin that we commit affect the world we live in and the people who live with us?
4. How would you respond if God told you to do what He asked Noah to do?
5. Is there something that God is asking you to do that seems impossible like what He asked Noah to do? How are you responding?
6. How does God's promise to Noah to save his family encourage you to trust Him with the other promises that He has made in scripture?
7. How do we remain faithful to God when life is tough?
8. How can you talk about your faith with people who don't agree with you?



FURTHER STUDY

Romans 5:1-5 (NIV)

Peace and Hope

5 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we^[a] have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we^[b] boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we^[c] also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Jeremiah 20:12 (NIV)

¹² LORD Almighty, you who examine the righteous and probe the heart and mind, let me see your vengeance on them, for to you I have committed my cause.

Romans 6:21-23(NIV)

²¹ What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in^[a] Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 Peter 4:12-14 (NIV)

Suffering for Being a Christian

¹² Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.



“Just as Noah obeyed God by climbing onto a boat to save a few, Jesus obeyed his Father by climbing onto a cross to save many”

- **Brandon D. Smith**

“And like Noah, we will be remembered for what we did in our lifetimes, and more importantly, who we were in our lifetimes. May it be said of us that we were blessed by God because we stood for righteousness and for the cause of Christ, and may it be said of us that we found favor in the eyes of God. If we are to be numbered among the honored dead in the history of civilization, may the words of our epitaphs be the same, simple words spoken of Noah: “...and he walked with God.””

-**Burk Parsons**

Additional Resources

Devotionals-

<https://www.ligonier.org/learn/devotionals/faithful-obedience/>

Articles –

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/better-version-noahs-ark/>

Sermon-

<https://www.tvresources.net/resource-library/sermons/noah/>

<https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/42-296/the-great-commission-proclaiming-forgiveness-to-the-world-part-1>

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ⁱⁱⁱ John Calvin and John King, [*Commentary on the First Book of Moses Called Genesis*](#), vol. 1 (Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software, 2010), 254.

^{iv} K. A. Mathews, [*Genesis 1-11:26*](#), vol. 1A, The New American Commentary (Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1996), 357.