

**SERMON:** Judgment and Salvation Through the Flood

November 4, 2018

**SERIES:** Genesis the Beginning of the Gospel

**SPEAKER:** Pastor Mark

**CONNECT** (5-10 minutes): Help the members of the group grow in relationships with one another so all people in the group know they matter. Spend some time discovering what is happening in the lives of your group members. Share how God has been revealing himself in each other's lives.

**REVIEW** (15-20 minutes): Use this time to review the passage and the sermon outline (see below).

Note: this is a great opportunity to share leadership.

Use these simple questions to review the sermon/passage or for if you don't have much time:

1. What does this passage teach you about God? About us?
2. How does this passage point us to the gospel? How does it challenge you? Change you?

**SCRIPTURE:** Genesis 6-8

**SERMON OUTLINE:**

- I. Wickedness and Judgment
- II. Grief and Grace
- III. Sacrifice and Salvation

**GROW** (45-60 minutes): Use this time to go deeper with your group. Use these questions to discuss the sermon/passage:

1. How does the Flood story of Genesis 6-8 demonstrate the faithfulness of God in keeping the promise of Genesis 3:15?
2. What do you think of this statement: "God must judge sin to destroy evil." Do you agree? Disagree? In what way is God's love connected to his justice and wrath?
3. Genesis 6:8 says that Noah found grace in God's sight. Hebrews 11:7 says Noah was a man of faith. Genesis 6:9 says that Noah was righteous. What is the relationship between grace and faith? How do grace and faith produce righteousness? How is this different from law, or works righteousness?
4. What area of your life is requiring you to have faith in the grace of God? Or, is there a place in your life where faith has been difficult? How can the grace of God produce faith in that area?
5. How does the story of salvation through the Flood picture the story of salvation through the Cross? Think about "Salvation **through** judgment."
6. Read Romans 6:23 and Romans 8:1. How do these two scriptures relate to the Flood story? Do you believe that through Christ you have escaped the condemnation of your sins? How would your life be different today if you believed this more fully?

Pray: Praise God for his grace and salvation through the judging and destruction of sin by the cross of Christ. Confess any areas of doubt or unbelief in the word of God? Ask God to sustain you in the truth that you are no longer condemned, but rather are free to love and serve him.