



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

"Waiting While in Crisis"

Genesis 8:1-22

Record your insights & observations from this week's sermon.

SERMON NOTES

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) Seth said, "We can take on almost anything if we know when it will end. It's the not knowing that wears us down." Discuss this statement. How has not knowing when this pandemic will end affected you?
- 2) Waiting is part of the Christian experience. Read **Genesis 15-17, 21** this week about how Abraham had to wait on having a son. Read **Genesis 39:1- 41:40** about how Joseph had to wait before being released from prison. How did these men have to wait on God's timing?
- 3) What have you had to wait for in your lifetime? How is God working in you during this time of waiting?
- 4) During turmoil, it may appear that God is silent and has forgotten us. Why is it important for us to know that God remembers us and acts on His promises to His people? Read **Genesis 8:1-20**. How did God remember Noah?
- 5) Read **Genesis 8:13-19**. Eventually Noah and his family saw dry ground. How does hope that this pandemic will end, and we will get back to normal, help you get through this period of waiting? Discuss.
- 6) Read **Genesis 6:16; 7:1,7; John 10:9; Genesis 8:20-22**. How did Noah lead his family toward God? For leaders of the home, how can you lead your family during this crisis?
- 7) How can we all make these days matter? Discuss with your family the ways you can encourage people who may be at risk from this crisis or are alone and come up with creative ways to thoughtfully engage with them.

FOR YOUR FAMILY

- 1) Memorize **Psalm 40:1** – *"I waited patiently for the Lord; He turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand."*
- 2) Read **Genesis 8:1-19**. Discuss with your family how long Noah had to wait to get out of the ark. Talk with them about how God remembered Noah and his family and how He remembers us while we face crisis.
- 3) Read **Genesis 8:20-22**. Talk with your family about how the first thing Noah did when he got off the ark was worship the Lord. Spend some time praying to God and asking Him to do a mighty work in your life during this pandemic.