

## BE VULNERABLE

We heard this weekend that we have the choice between following the culture or walking in obedience with God. What do you see as the next step in your continued pursuit of walking with God in obedience?

Are there any situations you need to avoid or navigate better in order to strengthen your walk with God?

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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### TIPS ON TOPICAL PRAYER

**Prayer is an important part of being in a Life Group. We believe that prayer goes better when we follow three simple guidelines.**

**1. We pray for one topic at a time.**

Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request either before prayer begins or during the prayer time. Once a topic is introduced, the group focuses on that request alone. Once it is covered, the group moves on to the next topic.

**2. Pray more than once.**

Because the group is focusing on one topic at a time, each person is encouraged to pray several times during the prayer time for those topics they feel most led to pray about. No one is required to pray.

**3. We keep prayer short and simple.**

Group prayer goes better when members keep their prayers short and to the point. When someone prays for a long time, it is hard for the other members to stay focused and long prayers tend to intimidate those who are just learning to pray out loud in a group. No one is required to pray out loud.

## CREATION TO CHAOS

A SERIES ON GENESIS 1-11

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## GRACE IN THE FACE OF CHAOS AND DESTRUCTION

Genesis 6-9

### The Reasons for the Flood:

1. Sin of humankind – evil, violence, corruption
2. Crossing boundary set by the Creator God

### The Meaning of the Flood:

- Cleanses creation of its corruption to start anew

### The Flood and Us:

- ① God's grace
- ② God's faithfulness to his promises
- ③ Will we choose to follow the culture or walk in obedience with God?

# LIFE GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

For the week of February 18, 2024

## QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

## BE FRIENDLY

Have you ever been in a flood? If so, describe what it was like. If not, describe a flood you recall seeing on the news.

This weekend's Bible text gave us a window into God's response to sin. What was your response to hearing that God grieves over the sin of humankind?

## BE OPEN

**#1** This weekend we saw that the flood is a sad story of chaos, destruction, and judgment, but at the same time, it is a story of God's grace. Read some excerpts from the flood story below.

### **Genesis 6:5-8, NIV**

<sup>5</sup> The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. <sup>6</sup> The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled. <sup>7</sup> So the Lord said, "I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them." <sup>8</sup> But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

### **Genesis 6:17-18, NIV**

<sup>17</sup> I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. <sup>18</sup> But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you.

### **Genesis 7:23-8:1, NIV**

<sup>23</sup> Every living thing on the face of the earth was wiped out; people and animals and the creatures that move along the ground and the birds were wiped from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those with him in the ark. <sup>24</sup> The waters flooded the earth for a hundred and fifty days. <sup>1</sup> But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and the livestock that were with him in the ark, and he sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded.

How is God's grace at work in this story?

What do these verses reveal about God's character?

**#2** Someone once described Noah as being "odd for God." What he meant was that Noah served as a bright light for God in a dark world. As followers of Christ, we have also been called to be "children of light" (Ephesians 5:8) in a dark world. Read Ephesians 4:17-32 below.

### **Ephesians 4:17-32, NIV**

<sup>17</sup> So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. <sup>18</sup> They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. <sup>19</sup> Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed. <sup>20</sup> That, however, is not the way of life you learned <sup>21</sup> when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. <sup>22</sup> You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; <sup>23</sup> to be made new in the attitude of your minds; <sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. <sup>25</sup> Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. <sup>26</sup> "In your anger do not sin"; Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, <sup>27</sup> and do not give the devil a foothold. <sup>28</sup> Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need. <sup>29</sup> Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. <sup>32</sup> Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

What are the contrasts you see regarding choices, attitudes, and actions between living as a light and living in darkness.

Which of the attitudes or actions mentioned above is the most challenging for you to live out consistently?