



Living Water
Church

Diving Deeper: A Gather Group discussion guide
or personal devotional guide



Build or Blaspheme?

Introduction: .The world becomes more corrupt every day. The intention of the heart of man is continually evil. The Lord is grieved that he even made man. The Lord will bring judgment on mankind and destroy all flesh. Though He is loving, He is also just and holy. Yet, the gracious God demonstrates His love and mercy once again. The Bible states that Noah found favor (grace) in the eyes of God. The Lord saves Noah and his family to preserve life.

Text: Read Genesis 6-9

Discussion:

1. Icebreaker: Have you ever regretted a decision you made? Discuss/Write
2. Genesis 6:5-7 Why is God grieved? What does this say about the character of God?
3. Genesis 5:1 begins with a reminder of how the Lord created man. Man is to be the image bearer of God. The generation of Noah neglected to honor the very God in whose image they were made. How is our generation much like the generation of Noah?
4. When you watch the news and listen to the stories of violence, how do you feel? How does God feel about all the sin and destruction of the world?
5. Genesis 6:8 God saved Noah. Discuss write about the following statement: Faith comes before faithfulness, salvation comes before works of salvation. What other scriptures back this truth?
6. How did the grace of God change Noah's life? Genesis 6:9
7. Write/Discuss what it looks like to live: Righteous, blameless, and walking with God.
8. Read Genesis 6:18—Who's covenant is it? Why is this important to note?
9. How do we know that Noah truly believed God? How will others know that you truly have faith in God?
10. Noah didn't just talk about building the boat. He built the boat. He didn't just quote scripture, he lived scripture. Do you see the church talking more than walking? Do you find yourself posting verses on Facebook and twitter, but not obeying what you quote?
11. Methuselah means "upon his death will end." He was the oldest man to ever live. What does this say about the grace of God?
12. Who closed the door of the ark? (Gen. 7:16) What is the significance of this fact?
13. Read Matt. 24:36-39 & 2 Peter 3:1-10 What do these verses say about the generation before the coming of the Lord? How does it compare to the days of Noah? How should we consider the delay of Christ's return?
14. How has Jesus opened the door to the ark of salvation?
15. When will the door of salvation close and what is the danger in never trusting in Christ?

Think About it:

The path is before us. We can build or blaspheme. We can be like Noah, and pick of the hammer of faith and faithfully live our lives in obedience to the commands of Jesus. We can build a boat that is honoring to our Lord and good for our family and witness. Many times, we find ourselves knocking holes in our own boat with the poor choices we make. Describe ways to build your boat, and then list ways that you knock holes in your boat. Repent of the sins that hinder your progress and set your mind to have a heart to fully follow Jesus!

Moving Forward:

Live in such a way that it can be said of you as it was said of Noah, "_____ did all that the Lord had commanded him. Jesus said that if you love me you will do what I say. We are to follow Jesus! We worship Jesus! We are to live our lives in obedience to Jesus. Read God's word and listen to what Christ teaches. Make a list of ways that you will swing the hammer of faith this week. Make a plan to repent and do some patch work in the areas that you have not been faithful. Husbands—love your wife like Christ loved the church. Wives-honor and respect your husband. Parents-pray over and lead your children to love and obey Jesus. Go to work this week understanding that your boss is Jesus. Build the boat!