

Home Group Questions

the week of 9/30/2018

Genesis 6:5-7:24

NOAH – OBEDIENCE WHEN IT'S DIFFICULT

GETTING STARTED

This past Sunday, Pastor Mel continued his teaching on the account of Noah and the flood that God used to judge the world. Noah, however, found favor in God's eyes and highlights the kind of person Noah was.

LOOKING IN THE WORD...

1. Turn in your Bibles to Genesis 6:5-22. Noah had a huge task that was given to him by God. It must have felt overwhelming at first, but Noah faithfully began the process of constructing this massive boat. Pastor Mel taught that Noah faced the challenge of completing a very difficult task for God. This would involve years of hard planning and work because of God's decision to judge the earth.

- What are some things about the Christian walk that are difficult in this day and age? How should we prepare ourselves mentally and spiritually, for the trials and difficulties we will face.

- God's Word teaches the fact that if we are faithful, then there will be fruitfulness to our labors. How can we increase the fruitfulness of our lives? What things in our lives can decrease our fruitfulness and distract us from the calling that God has for us.

Faithfulness vs. Fruitlessness.

2. Read Hebrews 11:6-7. Building the ark was a tremendous step of faith as Noah obeyed God and saved his family. He built it in "reverent fear" according to Scripture. What does that mean to you?

How would our lives be different if we lived them according to a "reverent fear"? How is "reverent fear" different from the concept of being afraid?

- Noah built the ark in an effort to please God and not man. Too often our actions are compromised when we seek to please man rather than God. What are some real ways that you have taken a stand in your efforts to please God and not man?

3. Read Matthew 24:36-44. Here Jesus relates the time of Noah to the time of His second coming. What are some other similarities that you can see in how people were saved by the ark and the coming of the Lord when he saves the church? How can we best prepare for the second coming of Christ so that we are not taken by surprise?

- Noah clearly chose obedience to God over acceptance with the world around him. How do we balance reaching out to a lost world without becoming overly concerned about being accepted by them? What are some warning signs that we may be compromising our message, or our lives in an effort to be heard by the world?

- Noah stayed in the ark for more than a year, yet patiently waited for the Lord's instructions in **Genesis 8:15-9:7**. Noah and his family waited for the Lord's timing in the resolution of this amazing flood. How does that relate to the storms and trials we go through in our lives? What does it mean to wait for God's resolution in some of the trials and difficulties we face?

Moving Forward

Pray that the Lord will help you to be obedient to the difficult tasks He has for you in your life. Pray for strength to meet the challenges you face on a daily basis.