

Bible Study Questions

Genesis: The Story Begins – The Ark of Salvation

Focus

God will rightly judge this sinful world as He creates a new world, but, in His grace, He has provided an 'ark' for us to be saved from the floodwaters of His judgment, and that ark is Jesus in His death and resurrection.

Read

[Genesis 6:9-8:19](#)

Listen

CCNYC teaching on Genesis which can be found on our [website](#)

As you study this passage on your own or with a small group of others, here are some questions for study, reflection, and application.

Questions for Review

(The purpose of these opening questions is to review the passage that was recently preached on in order to make sure that everyone understands the basic structure, events, people, and point of the passage.)

1. Work through some basic review questions for this passage:
 - What's the context? (Where are we in Genesis; the Pentateuch; the Old Testament; and the Bible as a whole?)
 - Who are the main characters in this section?
 - Is time or place significant in the events that happen in the passage?
 - Is there a conflict or high point in this passage? (What is the structure of this passage that builds to that point?)
 - What was the main point or theme of this passage that was identified in Sunday's sermon?
 - What surprises are there in this passage?
2. What questions do you still have about this passage that you'd like to discuss?

Questions for Reflection and Application

(The purpose of these reflection questions is to help each other not just understand what the passage is saying, but to think more deeply about what it means so that we can then accurately apply it to our lives today.)

1. In what ways does this account of the flood show us both the judgment of God and the grace of God?

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2. Of the several observations made about this account on Sunday, on which have you been most reflecting?
3. In what ways does this account at the beginning of the Bible set a pattern of salvation for us? In other words, what does this account show us about why salvation is necessary, what it is we need to be saved from, how it is salvation will happen, to what it is we are being saved, etc?
4. To get more specific, in what ways does this account simply, clearly, and vividly illustrate for us the gospel?
5. Sunday's sermon offered four points of application from the flood account. Discuss them and help each other to think of ways to personally apply them.
 - An example to be followed: Noah's faith manifested in obedience and gospel proclamation (Hebrews 11:7, 2 Peter 2:5,9)
 - A lesson to be learned: sin really is that bad and God really is that angry at sin (Romans 3:21-26)
 - An invitation to be received: get into the ark of Jesus (1 Peter 3:20-21; Acts 4:12)
 - A warning to be heeded: judgment is coming (2 Peter 3:5-7; Matthew 24:37-39)
6. Can you think of any other points of application that weren't mentioned in Sunday's sermon?

Ongoing questions to ask of any passage:

1. How does the gospel inform your understanding and application of this passage?
2. Has studying this passage in any way challenged your understanding about who God is and what He's like? If so, how so?

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3. In light of studying this passage, is there any behavior or attitude that you need to personally address in your life? If so, how specifically will you address it?

4. How does this passage help you to love, trust, and worship Jesus more fully?