

Bible Study Questions

Genesis: The Story Begins – Paradise Restored?

Focus

Our only hope for a new Eden-like Paradise is the committed, faithful, patient work of God accomplishing His plan of salvation in Jesus Christ.

Read

[Genesis 8:20-9:29](#)

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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. What does this chapter teach us about Noah and human beings in general?

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2. What does this chapter teach us about God and His faithfulness?
3. How does this chapter lead us to Jesus? Why is He our only hope for a new world?
4. What are some of the ways people (maybe you) might put their hope in a human being or a human plan or a human system in hopes of transforming the world?
5. Are there any ways you've been doing this of which you need to repent and instead rejoice in Jesus?
6. How might it be both freeing and motivating to know that we are not called to and do not have the ability to transform the world into an Eden-like paradise?
7. How does this chapter encourage you to put your hope in God alone? In what ways is the faithfulness of God revealed here?
8. What relevance does the repeated creation mandate in 9:1-7 with its stipulations for a fallen world have for us today?
9. What relevance does the covenant expressed in 8:21-22 and 9:8-17 have for us today?
10. How might you use some elements of this passage to engage in conversation with non-Christians you know?

Ongoing questions to ask of any passage:

1. How does the gospel inform your understanding and application of this passage?

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2. Has studying this passage in any way challenged your understanding about who God is and what He's like? If so, how so?
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?