

Sunday November 5, 2023 - "Genesis - Week 7 - Noah: Wrath or Rescue?" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Genesis 6:9-22, Genesis 15:6, Ezekiel 16:49, Genesis 18:23b-24, 26

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- Genesis 6:9-22...is the story of Noah a story of God's wrath or of God's rescue?
- 4 Important words from Noah
  - Righteous (saved by Grace, because of belief/faith)
    - Not earned but bestowed
    - Genesis 15:6 (credited to Abraham as righteousness)
    - We don't tip the scales of justice but there is a connection between righteousness and behavior
    - Not righteous because of our behavior, rather Righteous → behavior
    - Willing to disadvantage yourself to the advantage of others
  - Blameless
    - Wholly committed to not causing others to stumble, not sinless but abstaining from sin
    - Our sin can cause others to stumble...our behavior matters
  - Corrupt (v11-12)
    - A great distance between the character of Noah and of the rest of the world
    - Corrupt = morally putrid, totally decayed, wasted, destroyed
    - Destroy in v13 = corrupt in v12
  - Violence
    - Seeking personal gain through assault, physical attack, cheating and oppression
    - The violence of Genesis is a blatant disregard for the existence of poverty in an economy of plenty
- Ezekiel 16:49
- If you want to know Jesus, serve the poor and disadvantaged
- Corruption/Violence is like an aggressive cancer
  - Unchecked sin sets corruption in motion
  - Unaddressed corruption leads to inevitable self-destruction
  - Unaddressed corruption spreads beyond the individual
- Spread of corruption defiles
  - Individual → offspring/family → animals → material goods → the land
  - Level of destruction is determined by level of defilement
  - Genesis 18:23n-24, 26
  - God's wrath never falls on the unrighteous
- Noah and his family were the ONLY righteous believers in the whole world
- The story of the ark is a story of "precision surgery"
- The flood was necessary to save the world and humanity
- Because he believes...Noah does what God asked him to do

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. How have you dealt with complacency in your walk with God or studying the Bible?
2. What does it mean to you that God bestows righteousness on those who believe?
3. How are you being asked to disadvantage yourself to the advantage of others?
4. How does your righteousness affect your behavior?
5. When has your sin caused someone else to stumble?
6. What is God inviting you into as a result of this message or passage?

**Songs from the weekend:**

**[Joy of the Lord - Grace Worship] - [You Are My Joy - Will Reagan] - [Ascribe - Cory Asbury] - [10,000 Reasons - Matt Redman]**