

Sunday November 26, 2023 - "Genesis - Week 10 - Noah: Humility Matters" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Genesis 9:18-29, Ruth 1:16, Isaiah 50:11

- 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

- Being fascinated isn't enough..the word of God is meant to bring life change deep in our souls
- Genesis 9:18-29 - Noah's spent a year and ten days in the ark
 - Noah waited for God's permission to leave
 - First thing he does is worships → God blesses him and his sons (covenant = no more worldwide floods)
- Noah becomes a farmer (grapes/wine)
 - Drinking/nakedness always associated with sin
 - When Godly people sin two things happen
 - Overlook/downplay the sin
 - Vilify...all they have done is a sham
 - Godly people still sin...Noah was still talked about as the only perfect person in his generation
- If we ask "How could he do that?", we don't recognize our own propensity to sin
- Ham SAW
 - Saw = actively searching...same as "God saw" (searching/looking)
 - Active not passive...Ham's sin was voyeurism
- The sin of Ham is passed down to one of his sons and his descendants
 - He removed God's blessing from his offspring
 - Noah's curse = prophetic for humanity
 - This was all to help Israel know and remember their history
- In no way does this passage/history give any people permission to oppress or lord over any other
- The ripple effect of sin to multiple generations (Isaiah 50:11 - the consequences of unrepentant sin)
- It's not about bloodline, it's about "faith line"
 - Who you align your heart with matters
 - Closest circles/friends (Ruth 1:16)
 - Our identity in Christ trumps every other identity...faith not blood
- Story of Noah is all about HUMILITY
 - Last family of faith in the world
 - 100 years to build boat with no rain in sight...boat with no navigation
 - Noah's sin is a reminder of our own need for Jesus
- You can't...walk with Jesus, have authentic community, have kingdom impact...without humility
- When we think we can, we are in a dangerous place...flood didn't wash away our propensity to sin

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

1. What has stood out to you the most about the story of Noah and the ark?
2. How have you seen our own propensity to sin play out in your life?
3. When were you tempted to blame God for mistakes that you made?
4. What is your "faith line"? How has relationship with God been passed down to you?
5. How do you actively humble yourself? What does it mean to you personally to walk in humility?
6. What is God inviting you into as a result of this message or passage?

Songs from the weekend:

[Downpour - Shenay and Norflette Shumake] - [Your Great Name - Todd Dulaney] - [Firm Foundation (He Won't) - Cody Carnes] - [Holy Forever - Bethel Music]