

Connect Group Lesson 6-26

Welcome

Opening Question: Other than your father, who is a man who had an important positive impact on your life? OR, When is a time that you had to take care of an animal (and did not want to)?

Worship

Word

Read Genesis 8:1-22 together and answer the following questions.

- 1) Previously, we have been reading about the flood and the destruction upon the earth. How do things begin to change in verses 1-5?
- 2) How does Noah find out that the flood is receding?
- 3) What are God's instructions in verses 15-17?
- 4) What is God's covenant to Noah/mankind in verses 20-22?

Read Genesis 9:1-17

- 1) In verses 1-7, what commands does God give?
- 2) What is God's covenant to Noah? What is the sign of His covenant?
- 3) What else stands out to you from what we have read so far?

Digging Deeper:

- 1) Noah and his family had been on the ark for a long time. How do you think you would feel when the waters began to recede (excited, impatient, nervous, other)?
- 2) What kind of challenges do you think Noah had when leaving the ark to face a world following the devastation of the flood?
- 3) Why do you think, after judging the earth with such destruction, God promises not to destroy the in such a way, again? Does this seem like a contradiction? What do you think is going on?
- 4) Look at verses 8:22 and 9:15-17. How do these verses show us that this was not a local flood?
- 5) Look again at 8:21. What does this verse tell us about the ongoing condition of mankind?
- 6) Even though Noah was righteous among his generation, he was still a sinner, as were his descendants. What does this say about man's goodness and those who say that man is basically good?
- 7) Even though all people are sinners, God's plan is still redemption. In the book of Ezekiel, God speaks to the people of Israel. Read Ezekiel 36:22-28, 33. What similarities do you see between the way God deals with the Israelites and how he brings salvation to sinners in all places?
- 8) What do you learn about God by looking at the promises He made following the flood?
- 9) Is there anything else from this lesson that stands out?

Works

Pray for one another.

Pray for your unsaved friends and family.