



WARNING SIGNS

FLOODED - Week 2

OVERVIEW & GOALS

God used Noah to warn his generation of the upcoming flood. In addition, God told him to build a boat so big that everyone would have likely fit on it. And yet, the people wouldn't believe that God was serious. Surely he wouldn't flood the whole earth! But Noah believed. And Noah acted on his belief. ***God's faithfulness calls us to faith.***

1. Act on our Hope in God by Being Obedient
2. Believe that Righteousness comes by Faith.
3. Understand how God's Covenants give us Hope.

ICE BREAKER ACTIVITY

1. **Have someone in your group share their story.** Contact them ahead of time (or the week before) and let them know they have a set amount of time. (I'd suggest 10 minutes. Stories are vulnerable and relatable and help to break down barriers in the room.
2. **Whiteboard the difference between hope and belief.** Grab a posterboard, whiteboard, etc. and have someone take notes as the group works together to define and differentiate between hope and belief.
3. **Generic Conversation Question:** If you had an unlimited amount of resources to help one cause/ministry, what would it be and why?

BIBLE READING

[9] These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God. [10] And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

[11] Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. [12] And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. [13] And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth. [14] Make yourself an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. [15] This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark 300 cubits, its breadth 50 cubits, and its height 30 cubits. [16] Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above, and set the door of the ark in its side. Make it with lower, second, and third decks. [17] For behold, I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life under heaven. Everything that is on the earth shall die. [18] But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. [19] And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every sort into the ark to keep them alive with you. They shall be male and female. [20] Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground, according to its kind, two of every sort shall come in to you to keep them alive. [21] Also take with you every sort of food that is eaten, and store it up. It shall serve as food for you and for them." [22] Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

[1] Then the LORD said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you are righteous before me in this generation. [2] Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and his mate, and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and his mate, [3] and seven pairs of the birds of the heavens also, male and female, to keep their offspring alive on the face of all the earth. [4] For in seven days I will send rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground." [5] And Noah did all that the LORD had commanded him.

(Genesis 6:9-7:5 ESV)

ADDITIONAL PASSAGES

[24] Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!”

(Mark 9:24 ESV)

[7] By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

(Hebrews 11:7 ESV)

[3] The floods have lifted up, O LORD,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.

[4] Mightier than the thunders of many waters,
mightier than the waves of the sea,
the LORD on high is mighty!

[5] Your decrees are very trustworthy;
holiness befits your house,
O LORD, forevermore.

(Psalm 93:3-5 ESV)

[5] For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness.

(Galatians 5:5 ESV)

[13] So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. (1 Corinthians 13:13 ESV)

DISCUSSION

Questions about the text in Genesis and life application.

1. What warning signs did God give the people?
2. What did God command Noah to do? Why?
3. Define the word covenant. Why did God choose to re-establish His relationship with Noah and his family through a covenant (Genesis 9:8-17)?
4. What promises/covenants has God given to us? What hope does God give in the story of the flood?
5. What do we learn about God in this passage?
6. If God's faithfulness gives us hope, what should hope produce in our lives?
7. What did Noah's obedience show?
8. What does it practically mean to be obedient to God? What are we to obey?
9. Are you obedient to God?
10. How are obedience and righteousness related to each other?
11. How does this passage point us to Christ?

TAKEAWAYS

1. ASK: What's one thing you're taking away from Scripture and conversation tonight that will spark change in your life?
2. PRAY: Read the words to "Give Me Faith" by Elevation Worship and encourage people to pray those words to Jesus. OR encourage them to pray the words back to Jesus as you play this youtube video on your phone: [Give Me Faith.](#)
3. SHARE JESUS: Encourage someone this week who is without hope. As you comfort them, pray that God would give you a chance to tell your story about placing faith in Jesus.