



SDG Discussion Guide

Genesis 6-9
August 20, 2017

For starters:

What is the closest you have come to experiencing a flood, or a comparable event like a volcano eruption or a forest fire, etc?

If your house or living space was about to be washed away in a flood, what three items would you quickly grab?

Interaction with the text (The following questions are meant to provide points of interaction with the respective sermon text. Feel free to forward the questions to your small group members ahead of the respective Sunday; or, group members may find these questions in print on that Sunday. Further, feel free to facilitate your own discussion regarding the respective text.)

1. In chapters 6 and 7, what do you find most amazing about this story? That Noah completed the project? That the animals cooperated? That it rained enough to cause that kind of flood? Other?
2. In chapter 8, what good news is there after the flood? God will never again destroy all living creatures like this? God still loves people, even though we are sinful? God is never displeased with sincere worship? God is never unfaithful? Other?
3. In chapter 9, verses 1-7, why does God repeat for Noah much of what he told Adam?
4. In 9:12-17, what is the sign of this new covenant and what purpose does it serve?
5. What does this new covenant teach about the sanctity of life? How might this teaching be especially important to Noah and his sons just now?
6. How do you generally react when you feel God is leading you to do something? I comply as best I can? I question if what I am feeling is from God? It depends on what it is? I can't say I've experienced this from God? Other?
7. Where in your life do you feel like you are waiting or "on hold"? What have you found helpful during such waiting times?
8. What is something difficult which God may be calling you to do this week or this month? Where are you or your group stuck, or what obstacles are in your way? How might God's promise in Noah's situation help in overcoming the obstacles you are facing?

Take up to three minutes or more of silence to listen as you pray and ask God this question, "Where is one place you want me to step out in faith, Lord?" Share with your group what you feel you heard in the silence, or what you felt about this question. Pray the Holy Spirit will bring encouragement through the responses.

*These questions were adapted from *The Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998).