



PART 9: THE FLOOD

Sermon Notes

Text: Genesis 6:9-7:24

Intro:

Flood stories show up in many cultures around the world - i.e. The Epic of Gilgamesh.

The flood is often used as a children's story, but must be re-examined as an adult.

Genesis 6:9-13

The state of the world is corruption (see Genesis 6:5)

God doesn't abandon his plan to work through his image bearers.

Noah is "righteous," "blameless," and "he walked with God."

Genesis 6:14-22

Noah's righteousness and blamelessness was displayed by the fact that he "did everything exactly as God had commanded him."

James 2:24

Inside the ship:

- Pairs of humans

- Pairs of animals
- Food for everyone

The Ark is an image of Eden.

Genesis 7:11-12, 17-24

The flood is a reversal of creation. God removes his Spirit and creation undoes itself.

2 Peter 3:6-7, 9-10, 15

The flood was in the past, but God will judge the earth in the future. Not through a flood, but with fire. He's patiently allowing us time to repent.

Conclusion:

New creation is coming!

Connect Group Discussion

Warm up:

1. What was your favourite Bible story as a kid, and why (if you grew up in church/as a Christian)?
2. What stood out to you from Sunday's sermon?

Study & Discussion:

1. Noah is described as "Righteous," "Blameless," and that he "walked with God." How would you define these terms? What would it take for someone today to be described this way?
2. Read Hebrews 11:7. The author of Hebrews reflects on Noah's faith. How does he describe it? How does his faith relate to righteousness? Read James 2:24. What does true righteousness look like?
3. Read 2 Peter 3:3-15. Peter reflects on the flood and compares it to the coming judgement. What do the two have in common? What lessons can we learn from the flood to prepare us for the future?
 - What does Peter say about God's patience? What do you think that means?
4. Many people have a hard time coming to terms with the fact that God kills people in his judgements. Do you struggle with that idea? Why or why not?

Practice:

1. Noah "did everything exactly as God had commanded him" (Genesis 6:22). That meant he built a giant boat in the middle of the desert! His neighbours must have thought he was crazy. What is something that God has been telling you to do that you've been too embarrassed, afraid or stubborn to do? What step do you need to take toward obedience this week?