

# The Solution to the Problem

*FCC Life Group Discussion Notes  
Based on the "Genesis" Series of Matthew Rogers  
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## Opening Prayer

- Pray that God would open our hearts to see His Word as true history and powerful redemption, not just a children's story.
- Ask the Lord to help us recognize areas where sin has spread in our own lives or culture, and to experience His grace afresh this week.

## Ice Breaker

If you were building an "ark" right now to prepare for a major storm in life (literal or figurative), what three things or people would you make sure were on board with you and why?

## Key Scripture

**Genesis 6:8 (NIV)** – *Ask a group member to read aloud. "But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord."*

## Sermon Summary

The world had become so broken by unchecked sin that judgment was unavoidable, yet God provided rescue through the flood. The same waters that brought destruction also lifted the ark, carrying Noah and his family to safety. This story points us forward to Jesus—our ultimate Ark—showing that God's plan has always been redemption, not just judgment.

## Discussion Point 1: Things Had Gone Very Wrong

**Scripture: Genesis 6:5 (NIV)** – *Ask a group member to read aloud.*

*"The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time."*

**Point Summary:** Genesis shows a heartbreaking decline rather than progress. What began as "very good" in creation had become completely corrupted, with every inclination of the human heart bent toward evil. God was grieved, yet even in this darkness, grace broke through for Noah.

*Suggested points for prayer is given in each prayer section and are up to the discretion of the leader.*

### Discussion Questions:

1. In what ways do you see the same pattern of unchecked sin spreading in our world today? How does this description in Genesis 6:5 challenge the idea that humanity is basically good on its own?
2. How does knowing God feels deep sorrow over sin (yet still acts in grace) change how we view Him when we mess up?

## Discussion Point 2: God Was Already Planning a Rescue

**Scripture: Genesis 6:8-9 (NIV)** – *Ask a group member to read aloud.*

*“But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God.”*

**Point Summary:** Grace appeared before the ark was ever built. Noah found favor not by earning it through works, but by faith—he walked with God while the world ran from Him. Righteousness comes by faith, and God’s rescue plan was intentional, detailed, and completely sufficient.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Noah built the ark *because* he had faith, not to earn favor. How does this truth free us from trying to earn God’s love?
2. Share a time when you sensed God preparing a “rescue” in your life before you even knew you needed it. What does it look like today to “walk with God” in a culture that’s moving the other direction?

## Discussion Point 3: The Same Water Lifted the Ark

**Scripture: Genesis 7:17 (NIV)** – *Ask a group member to read aloud.*

*“For forty days the flood kept coming on the earth, and as the waters increased they lifted the ark high above the earth.”*

**Point Summary:** The flood waters didn’t just destroy—they carried salvation by lifting the ark. God remembered Noah in the middle of the chaos and began re-creation. The story ultimately points to Christ: one door to the ark, one way of rescue, and a better sacrifice who takes away the sin of the world.

### Discussion Questions:

1. The decisive question wasn’t whether people admired Noah’s boat, but whether they entered it. How does this challenge us about our relationship with Jesus—not just finding Him interesting, but being “in Christ”?

2. How does connecting the flood waters to baptism (1 Peter 3:20-21) deepen your understanding of what it means to trust Jesus fully?

## Wrap-Up

The same water that judged the world lifted the ark to safety. In the middle of the storm, “But God remembered Noah.” This powerful story reminds us that God’s redemption has always been His plan. From the ark to the cross, Jesus is our sufficient rescue—the better sacrifice who makes all things new. When we believe the greatness of this God and His Word, our faith grows and nothing feels impossible.

## Challenge

This week, identify one area where you need to trust God more fully (perhaps something that feels “too big, too broken, or too far gone”). Take a practical step of obedience, like Noah did. If you haven’t been baptized, talk with a leader about taking that step. Fill out a Starting Point card (or use the seatback tap) if you want to begin a conversation with Jesus or learn more.

## Closing Prayer

- Thank God for His grace that finds us even when things have gone very wrong, and for the rescue He provided in Christ.
- Pray for those in our group (and in our church) who need to step “into the ark” through faith in Jesus.
- Ask the Lord to grow our faith as we trust in the supernatural truth of His Word this week.

# Handout

## Life Group Handout: The Solution to the Problem

**Key Verse to Memorize: Genesis 6:8 (NIV)** – “But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.”

**Main Truth:** The same water that brought judgment also lifted the ark.

### Personal Reflection:

1. Where do I see “things gone very wrong” in my life or our world right now?
2. Am I trying to earn God’s favor, or resting in the grace He has already given?
3. What “ark” (Jesus) am I trusting to carry me through the storms?

**Action Step:** This week I will \_\_\_\_\_ (trust God in one specific area).

### Prayer Requests:

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**Starting Point:** If today is your day to begin or deepen your walk with Jesus, check the box and talk with your group leader.

Yes, I want to talk more.