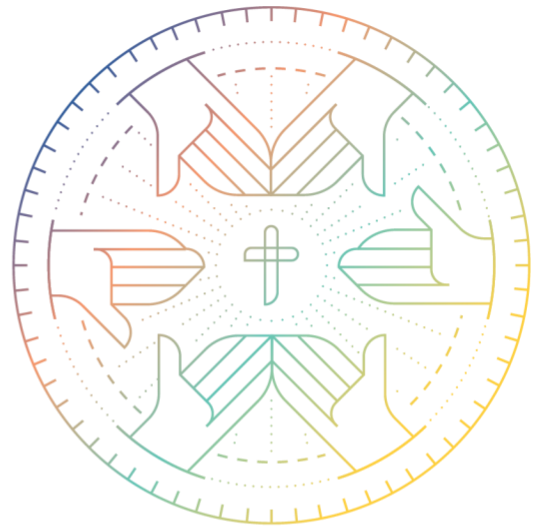


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ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

God asked Noah to do something unusual, something never done before. What's the most unexpected, perhaps unusual thing God has prompted you, moved you or asked you to do?

OR

If you were in Noah's shoes, what kind of animals would you bring on the ark and why?

INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)

What most stood out to you from this week's sermon?

Imagine what it was like for rain to begin to fall and Noah and his family to find safety in the shelter of the Ark. What range of emotions might Noah and his family have felt as the floodwaters rose and they remained protected and secure in their massive vessel?

INTO THE WORD (25 MINUTES)

Read Genesis 6:5-8. How does the condition of man in those verses relate to the condition of mankind today?

What do you think is meant by Genesis 6:6? Does it surprise you to hear God describe mankind as he does? How can we understand this description of God's emotion toward mankind?

How does Genesis 6:8 provide hope for you and me?

Read Genesis 6:9 and Romans 12:2. Noah did not conform to the world of his day. Discuss what it means to choose transformation over conformity. What does Paul say will be the outcome of a transformed mind?

How would you describe a person with a transformed mind?

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Read **Genesis 6:22**. How would you complete this sentence: "Noah's obedience to God was -
WE ARE HERE TOGETHER."

What are some of the obstacles that can discourage or prevent us from submitting fully to God's authority?

Read **Hebrews 11:7**. What were the "things not yet seen"? What was Noah's holy fear? How did Noah demonstrate his faith and how is that similar to you and me?

APPLICATION (10 MINUTES)

Noah persevered as a "preacher of righteousness." Where is God calling you to persevere? Where do you need patience and encouragement to continue persevering?

Pastor Jared said that God used Noah to create a legacy. Considering where you are in your life, where or how can God use you to create a legacy? (Hint: everyone, no matter the age, can have a legacy impact.)

In what sphere of your life today does God want to use you as His witness? Remember, witness is broader than just evangelism.

What's one thing from this study you can focus on in the next week?

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for the example of Noah. In a dark world he stood out as a beacon of righteousness. He was blameless in his generation as we desire to be in ours. Guide us day by day in how to live holy lives, separate from sin. Strengthen us to resist ungodliness and to choose each day what will please you and draw us closer to you. As you were faithful to Noah and showed him your favor, may your faithfulness and favor toward us fill us with great joy today. Amen.

