

Sunday, October 10, 2021



“God Starts Over”
Genesis 6:5-14

If you could redo one event in your life, what would it be? Are you sure the outcome would have been better?

Read *Psalms 145* and *Numbers 14:18*. Reflect for a minute on the balance between God’s patience, and God’s judgement. What is the tension for you?

Genesis 6:5-8 starts with a very sad commentary, “every intention of his heart was only evil continually” describing the state of humans. Is this statement hard for us to understand given God’s history with humanity up to this point?

Genesis 6:5-8 highlights the teaching of total depravity. The idea that “I’m basically a good person who does bad things occasionally” is not in scripture. (*Mark 10:18*) How does this fit with your understanding of humanity?

Read *Genesis 6:7*. Sin brings God’s _____. Do I live as if this is true?

The idea of God totally wiping us away is something we do not think about often, or want to think about. How does this truth affect my understanding and relationship with God?

Read *Genesis 6:8-18*. In Judgement God Provides _____. What characteristics set Noah apart to be used by God? Would I consider myself “usable by God?”

Read *Lamentations 3:31-33*. This verse reminds us, that even in God’s judgment there is grace. How can I be reminded of His grace, when I am being corrected by God?

God sets aside Noah, his family, and the animals for a year on the boat before they are released. We want a quick resolution when God is correcting us. How can Noah’s story be an encouragement to me when faced with a period of long correction?

The flood account reminds us of God’s plan, that HE alone is sovereign over all creation, He has prepared heaven and earth as a home for us to live with him, He is looking for people to join Him in His plan and will not let anything stand in the way, and that either you are in the boat with God or drowning without Him. By grace God has provided a way through Christ to be saved.

How should the flood narrative effect how I view my relationship with God, and how I view others around me?

Who would God have me invite to be on the boat with Him?

What will I do? _____
