

Discussion Guide

Discussion Guides accompany the weekly message.

Opening Activity:

When you hear the word *grace*, what's the first picture, story, or feeling that comes to mind? Share briefly why that comes up for you.

Read:

Genesis 6:5-8

Genesis 6:22

Genesis 7:1-5

Genesis 7:13-16

2 Peter 3:9-10

Discussion Questions:

1. Read Genesis 6:5-6. What does this passage reveal about how God feels toward humanity as sin spreads across the earth?
2. Read Genesis 6:8. What does it mean that Noah "found favor with the Lord," and how is that different from being perfect?
3. Read Genesis 6:22. What stands out to you about Noah's obedience, especially knowing how long and uncertain the process was?
4. Read Genesis 7:1 (KJV). Why do you think it matters that God invites Noah to *come into* the ark instead of telling him to build it alone?
5. Read Genesis 7:13-16. What do you notice about who closes the door of the ark, and what does that teach us about God's role in salvation?
6. The sermon said that God's grief is not regret, but wounded love. Where have you seen or experienced that kind of grief—in yourself, in others, or in your understanding of God?
7. The ark was not about control, but dependence. Where do you most struggle to surrender control and trust God instead?
8. Noah practiced a "long obedience in the same direction." What does long-term faithfulness look like in your current season of life?
9. Grace made a way to be saved, but judgment was still real. How do you personally hold both God's grace and God's holiness together in your faith?
10. If God's grace is still inviting people to "come in" today, who is someone in your life that God might be calling you to lovingly point toward that invitation?

Challenge for the Week:

This week, show God's grace to one person. Choose someone who needs encouragement or help and take one action—text, call, share a meal, help, or pray—and be ready to share briefly next week.