



# UPSTATE GROUP GUIDE

*Through the Bible* |

*January 20-26* |

*Genesis 6-9*

## *Things to Know*

### **Equipping U - Simpsonville**

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## Studying God's Word *In Community*

*Reminder. Seek to understand and apply God's word, **not** rehash the sermon.*

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# Read

Read Genesis 6: 5-9 and make observations about the text.

- What is God teaching us in the passage?
  - What does this reveal about who God is, what God has done, and how I should respond?
  - Which part of the text was most meaningful to you and why?
  - What do you need help understanding about this passage?
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## Sermon Recap

- Genesis 6 introduces us to a sobering reality: sin always results in the judgment of God. A righteous God can not allow unrighteousness to slide. Genesis 6-9 puts this reality on full display.
  - Noah is a picture of Christ long before Christ ever came. A righteous man provides a way of salvation from the judgment of God. Though, it isn't long before we remember that Noah isn't Christ; he fails and falters just like we all do.
  - The good news of the gospel shines through in the story of judgment when we see the rainbow shine in the clouds. Here we have a reminder that though judgment is what we all deserve, we have a God who promises mercy.
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## Discussion Questions

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1. **What set Noah apart from the rest of the people during his time, and how did his pursuit of righteousness lead to God using him for His purposes?**
  - **Reference: Genesis 6:8-9** ("But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord... Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God.")
  - **Follow-up:** How can we cultivate a similar walk with God in our own lives?
2. **What does the flood teach us about God's judgment on sin, and how should that shape our understanding of His holiness?**
  - **Reference: Genesis 6:5-7** ("The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth... and the Lord regretted that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him to His heart.")
  - **Follow-up:** How does God's judgment reveal His desire for holiness and justice?
3. **How does the ark serve as a picture of God's plan of redemption, and what parallels can we draw between the ark and salvation in Christ?**
  - **Reference: Genesis 6:13-14; 7:16** ("Make yourself an ark of gopher wood... Then the Lord shut him in.")
  - **Follow-up:** In what ways does Jesus offer us a place of safety and refuge from the judgment of sin?

4. **How does God's covenant with Noah after the flood reveal His mercy and faithfulness? What does this teach us about His commitment to redemption?**
- **Reference: Genesis 9:8-11** ("I establish my covenant with you... never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.")
  - **Follow-up: How can God's faithfulness to His promises give us confidence in His redemptive plan today?**
5. **Noah's obedience to God was costly and countercultural. How does his example challenge us to trust and obey God, even when it doesn't make sense to the world?**
- **Reference: Genesis 6:22; 7:5** ("Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.")
  - **Follow-up: What are practical ways we can trust God in difficult or uncertain circumstances?**

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## Scripture

### Genesis 6:5-9

**5** The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. **6** And the Lord regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. **7** So the Lord said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them." **8** But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. **9** These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God.

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## Living on Mission In Community

Before you close the group, answer this question:

*How is God leading me to respond to His Word this week?*

Noah was faced with a massive test of faith. Building an Ark may seem like a straightforward task, but such a calling was no small feat. Answering God's call took a lot of faith and a massive step of obedience. What is God calling you to be obedient in? It may not be building an ark, but we all have places where we are called to obedience.

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## Optional Breakout Questions

*Consider making time at the end of the group to break out into groups of 2-4 (keep them gender specific). Have them answer these three questions about their weeks:*

1. How did you feed yourself?
    - *(What have you been doing to feed your spiritual life, and how is it going?)*
  2. How did you feed others?
    - *(How did you share the gospel or gospel truth with someone this week?)*
  3. How did you feed your flesh?
    - *(What sins did you struggle with this week? How can your friends hold you accountable?)*
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## Leader Resources

*If you are a leader and would like extra resources or a full curriculum guide, [CLICK HERE](#).*

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