

Jesus and Noah

Genesis 6:5-22

The story of the Bible as a whole, and most of the individual stories within it, is the story of God's creation (and humans specifically) becoming woefully _____ and unable to fix ourselves. This is not how God created us. This is how He finds us.

Discussion 1. Charles Spurgeon said that, before you preach a man saved you must first preach a man lost. What do you think he meant by that? What is the danger of teaching salvation (and liberation) in Christ without teaching about brokenness and sin?

If your _____ in _____ is meaningful, it will probably be seen by the people around you. But whether they see it or not, God absolutely sees it. And at the end of the day, that is all that matters.

Discussion 2. What are some reasons it might be important for people around you to be able to see your faith? What are some ways we may perhaps be too worried about what other people think and not worried enough about what God sees in our faith?

While God's judgment is certain, his _____ is also real. It is His way to warn of its coming and to provide the way out. And it is His love to permit us to choose for ourselves.

Discussion 3. When you began following Jesus, how did relationships in your life change? Did you change entire communities? Looking back, why were those changes necessary?

God's story of _____ and _____ is told repeatedly in scripture, in story after story. For the student of the Bible who is paying any attention at all, it is impossible to miss.

Discussion 4. Do you have a favorite story of redemption/salvation in scripture? Can you think of any other comparisons between being "in Christ" and being "in the ark"?