

STUDY GUIDE

JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE 3
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NOAH



EXCAVATE CONTEXT (Use these references for study preparation)

- Lou Fortier, "Journey through the Bible: Noah," 2012. (sermon available online at www.GodFor.Us)
- Michael Harbin, *The Promise and the Blessing*, (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2005), 80-85.



EXPLORE THE SCRIPTURE

The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. ⁶The LORD was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain. ⁷So the LORD said, "I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth—men and animals, and creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air—for I am grieved that I have made them." ⁸But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD (Gen. 6:5-8/NIV). See also: Rom. 2:4 and Gen. 9:1-13



DIG DEEP TO DO

1. God's love is expressed in judgment and mercy. If God simply ignored sin as a judge, he too would be guilty. Forgiving a debt is a gracious option for an offended person but when a judge fails to stand for what is right, unrighteousness has a free reign. If God did not provide a means of providing mercy, we would all die in our sins.

- How does God's judgment and mercy find balance and purpose in your life?
- How can you communicate the truth of sin and the hope of the gospel most effectively?

2. God's stubborn love means his followers will pay a high cost too. Noah had to build a boat for almost 100 years. God uses redeemed people to communicate his love in concrete ways. Yet it's easy for us to get derailed on the things God says are mission critical.

- What is the highest thing God has ever asked you to pay/do to communicate his redemptive plan and how did you respond?
- What happened and what did you learn?

What will it be like to stand before God someday and give an account for how you lived out your greatest calling? It's God's desire for your answer to be amazing and through his power, it is totally possible. Jesus endured the cross because he had a goal/vision. Sometimes we seem to float through life. It has been said, "Only dead fish, float." This is the day of salvation for all who are far away, and today is the day for followers of Jesus to become more focused on living for ultimate things.