

Sermon Notes

Genesis 9

This week we studied life after the flood and how a Holy God chose to relate to sinful man after his complete punishment for sin. After 377 days on the ark, Noah and the other seven survivors were now responsible for moving forward. Therefore, God provided instruction for how they were to live and what they were to prioritize. In Genesis 9 we see the character of God, the sinfulness of man and how God expects his image-bearers to live. Understanding the character of God then helps us understand how to live now the way he would desire.

Here are some notes to review from this week's sermon...

After the Flood

Genesis 9

After the flood God...

Positions human beings with dominion over animals (1-4)

Prioritizes the importance of one's fellow man (5-7)

Promises peace to Noah and his descendants through a covenant (8-17)

Provides grace for sinful behavior (19-29)

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week you can now watch it here. After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group now is a great time to get involved. Please visit bravechurch.online/connect/group and we will get you connected with a community that will work for you.

Questions

1. What is the significance of God favoring and blessing Noah and his family as they come out of the ark? What does it mean that we are image-bearers of God? Why is it imperative as human beings that we understand and embrace that we bear the image of God?
2. In all of God's wonderful creation what is His most precious creation? Why are male and female the crown of His creation? How does the world try to stop the absolute truth of humans being more special than any other part of God's creation?

3. Compare and contrast Genesis 9:1-4 with Genesis 1:26-28. What are the similarities and differences of these texts? Why does God still prioritize humans over the animals? How can man now relate to the animals in ways that was not allowed before?
4. Why does God prioritize the relationship of man to his fellow man? Has mankind ever been good at loving one another? Read Matthew 5 and discuss how the law was given for us to love God and preference one another. Where do you struggle in your demonstration of love for your fellow man? Even if you haven't acted on your feelings, what has been sinful about your feelings towards others?
5. As your convictions and opinions grow how important is it to demonstrate love to one another? Why? How important does God view your love for one another? How are you specifically attempting to allow God to grow you in this area of your life?
6. Why is capital punishment instituted by God? Why is capital punishment required? What is the significance of the Genesis 9:6 text?
7. Why does God give a command to be fruitful and multiply? Why does God want the earth to be filled with his image-bearers? How do you view children? Are they a blessing or a burden? How does God view children? (Psalm 127:3) Is your view of children aligned with God's view? If you are infertile and desire children how important is continuing to pray?
8. How does God approach Noah and his family after the flood? Why is a covenant and a sign so important? What is a covenant? What was/is the sign? Have you ever seen a rainbow? Has God been true to His Word? What other promises are you currently trusting God for right now?
9. Why in the world would God put the story of Noah getting drunk and uncovering himself in his tent in the Scripture? Why did Noah do what he did? Why do you sometimes do what you do? Is Noah or God the hero of the flood of the story? Who is the hero of your story?
10. How important is grace in your life for your sin today? Why is the need for God's grace always there? Will the need for God's grace ever end? Tell God one reason you are thankful for his grace at this present moment?