

## Discussion Guide

### *Series: Origins Wk 4: Noah: A Re-start or Do-over*

January 26, 2025



#### Big Idea

God's love is shown through His mercy and His judgement.



#### Icebreaker

We are about ½ way through this Sermon Series. What are some main points that have resonated with you thus far in this Series? Which of these points has resonated the most with you, and why?



#### Discussion Questions

1. As we begin to consider the account of Noah, what initial images come to your mind (or do you think come to the mind of many who may have a general familiarity with this account)? Are these identified images accurate and/or a full view of the account, why or why not?
2. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 11:7, & Luke 17:26-27. As we consider these passages and how the Bible refers back to Noah, do you think we should take his account seriously, why or why not? Fill in the following blank: *The flood story is about d\_\_\_\_\_ from evil, and points to a g\_\_\_\_\_ rescuer than Noah, whose deliverance is e\_\_\_\_\_.* To whom does the account of Noah point?
3. Read Genesis 6:5-6. As you think back on what the Book of Genesis has revealed thus far regarding sin, does it seem things regarding it have escalated based upon this reading and why? Does the Biblical narrative we read here tend to communicate that things were worse then, than they are today & why do you answer the way you do? Thinking of where we are today (in the present) regarding the overall timeline of God's story, why (for what reason) may things be better today than in Noah's time?
4. Read Genesis 6:7-22. Overall, we see in this reading that (fill in the blanks): *God's love is shown through His m\_\_\_\_\_ and His j\_\_\_\_\_.* Which parts of this reading indicate each aspect of God's love? If God didn't punish evil what would that make Him? In the sermon we pointed out that in our human nature we tend to want *mercy* for ourselves but *judgement* for other people. As you consider humanity and even yourself, can you agree with this? Do you have a personal time that you could share where, though experiencing God's judgement, it was good for you and actually a demonstration of His love for you?
5. Read 1 Peter 3:18-21 & 2 Peter 2:5-10. The Hebrew term for ark is used one other time in the Old Testament. Do you recall from the sermon in the account of *who* and *when* it was used? In the readings for this question, Peter in the New Testament, reveals both the *mercy* and the *judgement* aspects of God's love. In what ways are both aspects seen in these sets of passages? What message about baptism and its significance, or meaning, is Peter trying to communicate to his readers?
6. Read Genesis 9:11-13. In what way do we see God end this account, with mercy or judgement? Why is it significant that He does so?



#### Concluding Question

Do you struggle more with accepting that God's love is: 1) shown by His mercy or 2) shown by His judgement and why?



#### Prayer

This past Sunday each Campus of Revive Wesleyan was visited by, and spent time interviewing, a different Heart Check partner. Pray together for the Heart Check partner your Campus was visited by, lifting up their specific shared needs.