

Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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BIBLE PASSAGES - Genesis 6:9-22, Heb. 7:11

9 This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God. **10** Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. **11** Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. **12** God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. **13** So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. **14** So make yourself an ark of cypress[[c](#)] wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. **15** This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be three hundred cubits long, fifty cubits wide and thirty cubits high.[[d](#)] **16** Make a roof for it, leaving below the roof an opening one cubit[[e](#)] high all around.[[f](#)] Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks.

17 I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. **18** But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. **19** You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. **20** Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. **21** You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them." **22** Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

Hebrews 11: 7 By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.

Other Passages: Heb. 11:1-2, Prov 3:4-5

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

- 1) Can you imagine working on something for 30-50 years like Noah did with the ark? What do you think steadied his heart to continue on each day?
- 2) What has helped you in the past live in hope despite your circumstances?
- 3) What's one big request of God you have, something that will require resolute faith to believe for? Spend time to pray together for that thing.
- 4) Do we live in the same confidence of who God is that we are willing to do the normal everyday things as well as the big scary things that God is asking us to do?
- 5) Where in your life have you been saying God isn't Able? Not verbally, but by your actions? What's one step you can take to put your faith into action.

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS