

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS – April 9, 2017

“Noah and the Nations”

Genesis 9-11

GETTING TO KNOW ME

What is your opinion of the death penalty? Can you provide biblical support?

INTO THE BIBLE

1. Read Exodus 15:3, Habakkuk 3:9 and Zechariah 9:13-14. Now read Genesis 9:12-16. Does the traditional depiction of a rainbow as God's covenant sign carry any deeper significance when compared to these other biblical verses? What other divine covenants can you identify in the Bible?
2. In Genesis 9:25 Noah curses the lineage of Ham because of his sin. Which of Ham's sons does Noah specifically curse? Does the name sound familiar? Read Exodus 6:2-4. What connection can be made? Read Judges 1:28. Do you see a fulfillment of Noah's curse?
3. Read Genesis 9:6. What is the theology behind the death penalty? What is the main purpose of capital punishment: Deterrence? Punishment?
4. Read Genesis 10:6-10. How does Nimrod connect to Genesis 11? (Fun fact: Nimrod's name in Hebrew means *rebel*.)
5. How does Genesis 1-11 serve as the introduction to the story of the Bible?
 - What is the story of the Bible?
 - What are some of the key passages that support this story?
 - What is the conclusion to the story of the Bible? Where is it found?
 - Discuss how Genesis 12:1-3 fits with Revelation 5:9 and 7:9.
6. Read Genesis 11:6. What sin was God punishing the workers at Babel for? How did God punish their sin? Why do you think God chose this specific punishment?
7. Read Genesis 9:1-3. What is the mandate given to mankind in these verses? How is it fulfilled? What is the promise made in these verses? What is the gift given in these verses? Discuss.

“Family Focus” Community Group questions for 4/9/17

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FAMILY FOCUS

Parents, we are pleased to include a family-oriented section to the Community Group questions. Our goal is to assist you in taking what you have learned through the sermon and discussed in your group and “bring it home” to your family.

1. Read Genesis 11:1-9. What was the sin/issue that brought about God “confusing” the languages? Look again at verse 4 and see Isaiah 42:8.
2. Read Psalm 29:2; 115:1 and Isaiah 59:19a. Why is it important that we “ascribe to the Lord the glory due His Name”? Discuss ways your family can glorify God’s Name.