

# COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION - 1/28-29/14

## GRACE TO NOAH - GENESIS 6



### SCRIPTURE

Genesis 6:5-22

### BIG IDEA

By Genesis 6 all of mankind was incredibly wicked, and that didn't just anger God, it grieved him. God cares about his creation so much that he does something about man's wickedness—he brings down his righteous judgement in the form a flood. But God also cares about his creation so much that he is not willing to destroy everyone, so he gives grace to Noah and saves him from the flood through the ark. God doesn't just pardon Noah, he transforms him into a new man. This is how salvation works. 100% grace. The truth is, Jesus is the greater Ark. On the cross, Jesus was drowned in the waters of God's judgement so that we could swim in the ocean of God's love. Jesus bore all the judgement and wrath we deserve so that we could get all the righteousness and love he deserves. But Jesus doesn't just pardon us. He transforms us into new people, with new desires, new power, and promises that one day he will come and perfect his people along with the whole creation.

### DISCUSSION

1. Was there anything from the sermon or the big idea that stood out to you or challenged you? Was there anything new? Was there anything confusing?
2. What stands out to you in **Genesis 6** and why?
3. How do you think those in the non-churched or de-churched culture typically view the story of Noah: **(1)** Noah was good? or Noah was bad? **(2)** Sin just angers God? or sin also grieves God? **(3)** God is a God of love OR judgement? or God is a God both of love AND judgement? What about you, what did you used to think concerning the story of Noah?
4. What do those outside of Jesus say is wrong with the world? According to Genesis 6, what is wrong with the world? What do those outside of Jesus say is the solution to the world problems? According to Genesis 6, what is the solution to the worlds problems?
5. How does the story of Noah reveal our need for Jesus? How does the story of Noah reveal the salvation of Jesus? How is the grace of God transforming you inside and out?
6. Spend some time praying for **one another**, praying for **the lost**, praying for **your city**, and praying for God to provide for **the future church plant** in Checotah.

### GOOD WORD

You will never be rid of your wickedness—you'll never be free from your sin and out from under the wrath of God—until you see that Jesus is the greater Ark. You'll never be transformed until you are blown away by the fact that Jesus was drowned in the flood of God's judgement so that you could swim in the ocean of God's love. Jesus got the judgement, we get the love. Joy to us, glory to Jesus!