



Mustard

Sermon Discussion Questions - June 20, 2021

Scripture Passages:

Genesis 6:5-6 The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled.

Genesis 6:9: Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God.

Hebrews 11:7 (NLT) It was by faith that Noah built a large boat to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about things that had never happened before. By his faith Noah condemned the rest of the world, and he received the righteousness that comes by faith.

Genesis 6:22 Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

1 Peter 3:18-22 ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. ¹⁹ After being made alive, ^[a] he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— ²⁰ to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. ^[b] It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

John 3:16-17 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”

Romans 6:10-11 The death he (Jesus) died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Warm Up:

Toward the beginning of his message Pastor Paul shared some funny examples of where he would put his faith during Y2K or a zombie apocalypse. Just for fun, what are some things you might put your faith in during a fictional catastrophic event? (ex: alien invasion, zombie virus, meteor crash etc.)

Discussion:

- 1) Pastor Paul started off his message with a few key statements from previous messages in this series. As you read through these statements below, which one has been sticking with you the most and why?
 - **Faith defined** - Faith is the confidence that Jesus is who he says he is and he will keep every promise he has made to us.
 - **Faith foundation** - Faith is based on Jesus alone, who he is and what he has already done for us.
 - **Faith directive** - Faith always leads to action.
 - A little bit of faith in Jesus is worth way more than a ton of faith in anything else.”

- 2) Toward the beginning of his message Pastor Paul posed this question: Have you ever had a moment in your life, where you wished you had more faith? How would you answer this? What are some times in your life where you have wished you had more faith?

- 3) Read Genesis 6:5-6, 6:9, and Genesis 6:22.
Based on these verses what are some challenges that Noah may have faced? What may have allowed Noah to obey everything God commanded?

- 4) Several times throughout his message, Pastor Paul came back to this statement:
Faith matures through shared experiences over time as we walk with God in the same direction.
What are some ways that you have seen faith mature over time? How have you seen shared experiences impact your faith?

- 5) Read Hebrews 11:7 and re-read Genesis 6:22. What stands out to you in these verses about Noah's faith? What evidence do we see of faith maturing over time in these verses?
- 6) Part way through his message, Pastor Paul highlights a few questions that come up as we read the story of Noah.
What are some questions that come up for you as you think about this account?
- 7) Read 2 Peter 3:9 and 1 Peter 3:18-22.
What do these verses say about God and his heart? How might these scriptures address some of the questions that come up as we read the account of Noah in the book of Genesis?
- 8) Excerpt from Pastor Paul's message: *The simple answer of how to have more faith is to act in faith.*
What does it look like to act in faith? What are some ways you have seen acting in faith build your faith in the past?

Next Steps:

Every time you move in belief that Jesus is who He says He is, your faith will grow. Every time you act because you sense God prompting you in your spirit, your faith will mature... Have you ever had a moment where you wished you had more faith? Of course you have and so have I! In fact, if I ever get to the point where I don't have that desire then I believe there's a bigger spiritual problem going on. Embrace the simplicity of the solution. ACT!

What are some simple things you can do this week to build your faith? What steps could you, your family, or your community take to act on faith?