



Life Group Study Genesis Chapters 5-11

As we continue our study in Genesis, a book of beginnings, we'll see that the consequences faced by Adam and Eve for their sin – including the loss of their firstborn son were just the beginning of some of the judgment that came to the early world at the hands of God. When people go their own way and do their own things, rather than listen to what God says, they miss out on the great plans that God has for them. This leads to suffering the hurt that results from disobedience.

But even in the midst of God's judgment we see His mercy. As you study the account of Noah and also the story of the tower built at Babel, I encourage you to begin by reading the first few verses and the last few verses of the story first. These bookend passages help us to understand the main point that God is communicating to us in these passages.

Read Genesis 6:1-8 and 9:12-17

How are God's emotions described in Genesis 6? What was cause of these deep emotions? What changes do you see from the beginning to the end of the story?

Where do you see God's judgment in this text? Where do you see His mercy? How is Noah a picture of God to us through this history?

How does this story affect your view of God, sin, judgment and mercy? Since we are not God, how should we respond to the failure of people?

Have you ever wondered how we live in a world with so many languages when only 8 people (who spoke the same language) got off the ark? This passage tells us where different languages began.

Read Genesis 11:1-2 and 11:8-9 then read Genesis 11:1-9.

What happened? Why did God respond the way He did?

How did the actions of the people compare with God's instruction in Genesis 9:1?

What are the implications of this history on a biblical view of mankind? What are some core truths that affect you and your relationship with people from the different regions of the world?

List any other thoughts from these passages that were not addressed by the questions above