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Bible Study:



Read Genesis 6:5 – 7:5. Note that scripture says that all humans were sinful all the time, yet God found favor (grace) in Noah. Ponder the significance of grace in your life.

The gospel in the story:



Sin is a problem of the highest order because it causes separation from God and is deserving of His wrath, and leads to death. This is very bad news. The good news is that God has always had a plan to eradicate sin in a way that will bring Him glory as a gracious God. The human population of Noah's day is a picture of full-blown sin (Godlessness). The Bible says that Everyone had evil hearts and thoughts ALL of the time. Yet, God chose to allow the human race to continue by having grace on Noah and his family. Grace is one of the five solae (see lesson 1) that define the foundations of Christian faith, and God's grace is fully on display in this story of Him choosing to spare Noah and his family from the flood. Noah demonstrates another of the solae (faith) in the construction of the ark.

Application

Head: What did we learn?

Q: Did the problem of sin get better or worse after the death of Abel? A: Worse. Sin continued to increase on the face of the earth

Q: How did God show his attitude toward sin? A: By choosing to cleanse the earth of it.

Q: Did God decide to punish all sinners? A: No, God showed grace to Noah, even though doing so would mean that sin would continue in subsequent generations (through Noah and his family).

Q: How did Noah respond to God's grace? A: Noah's life is a demonstration of what it means to live by faith. He spent 120 years building a boat on dry land!

Heart : Memory verse

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Hands: How does this affect the way I live my life?

Though God cannot tolerate sin, He has chosen to show mercy and grace to sinners ever since sin entered the world. We should respond to the grace we've received through Jesus, just as Noah responded to God's grace: with obedience and faith.

Home: How does this affect my household?

Remember daily that it is God who preserves and protects families, just as He did with Noah's family. This knowledge should be a constant source of thankfulness in our prayers, and in the way we live as family.

Heaven: How can we be intentional about sharing our faith?

When we interact with people who don't know Jesus, we need to constantly remember that **we did nothing to earn God's grace (favor)** and are therefore not better than those who don't know Him. With our hearts grounded in the knowledge of God's grace, we can demonstrate his love and grace to others