

PERSONAL APPLICATION

- Are there any steps of obedience God is asking you to take right now in your life?
- What can you do to better this next week in order to walk with God like Noah did?
- Is there anywhere in your life where you need to be different from the generation you live in?

PRAYER

- Ask God to show you any steps of obedience he wants you to take at this time in your life. Take a moment to silently wait on God and see if he brings anything to mind.
- Ask God for the courage to be obedient if or when he asks you to do something you don't understand or don't want to do.
- Noah was able to bring his whole family into the ark and save them. Ask God who he might be asking you to help save and how you should reach out to them.

NOTES



WEEK 1: NOAH

CONNECT

- What does the word 'Epic' mean to you? How would you describe an 'epic life'?
- What's the biggest project you have ever undertaken? What was the most challenging thing about the experience? What was the most rewarding thing about it?
- Who do you know that you would describe as leading an 'epic life'? Why do you think that about them?

WHAT

There is much to be learned from these epic Bible stories. Noah is one of the most amazing stories in the bible. It is a story of many universal themes. The end of the world, saving the world, saving mankind, man's sin and depravity, God's justice and mercy, and one man's epic journey and steadfast obedience. These themes are larger than life, yet they are universal to men and women of every culture and every generation, including ours.

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Genesis 6:9 (NIV)

1. Noah's generation – bad times.

⁵*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. ⁶The LORD regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled. ⁷So the LORD said, "I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them."*

Genesis 6:5-7 (NIV)

Noah's generation was known for its continual and progressive wickedness. It was so bad that God regretted creating humanity. Have you ever regretted a past relationship? If so, why? Why do you think God regretted having made human beings?

2. Noah obeyed when he didn't even understand.

⁷*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."

Hebrews 11:7 (NLT)

How do you imagine God speaking to Noah? When God spoke to him, Noah obeyed by faith and built the boat that saved himself and his family. How do hearing God, faith, and obedience work together? Why does scripture say Noah 'received' righteousness rather than earning or producing it? How do we receive righteousness?

3. Noah walked faithfully with God.

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What do you think it means when the scripture says that Noah walked faithfully with God? Walking with someone requires walking at the same pace, in the same direction, in close proximity. How might those things relate to walking with God?
