

THE FLOOD

Life Group Questions | Sunday, November 12, 2017

Do you have a story to share of a home improvement or DIY mishap?

Read Genesis 6:11-14. Have you heard the flood story before? If so, when did you first hear it?

What images come to mind when you think of that narrative?

Take a few minutes and read through some key movements in the flood story: Read Genesis 6:5-8, 17-22, Genesis 7:11-12, 21-24, & Genesis 8:1-5, 15-17.

Primeval narratives are stories that speak of real events in rhetorical and theological ways. They have more to do with the purposes of the story than a plain narration of facts. What do you think are the key purposes of the flood story in Genesis 6-9? What in the text led you to those conclusions?

Read Genesis 9:7-11. In all other primeval flood narratives, humanity is completely destroyed. How do you think the flood story in the Hebrew scriptures shaped the original hearer's view of God? What defining qualities and characteristics do you see?

Read 2 Peter 3:9. How does this text—in light of the flood narrative in Genesis 6-9—invite you to understand who God is? When have you experienced a second chance? How did that experience shape you?

Pray together. Close with Genesis 9:13.