

Story Time

Part 3 – Noah and The Second Coming

Jesus is asked a question by His DISCIPLES Matthew 24

Q- “What will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?”

vs.3

A - Jesus states that no one knows the hour of the return but mentions the corruption of the world will compare to the time of Noah vs. 36-39

The account of Noah Genesis 6-8

Corruption SWEEPS across the earth vs. 6:1-4

The Lord is GRIEVED by what is happening vs. 6:5-7

God responds to the CORRUPTION vs. 6:7

Noah finds FAVOR and RECEIVES God’s plan vs. 6:8-7:5

Noah FULFILLS his calling vs. 6:22

God sends a FLOOD to destroy the earth vs.7:6-22

KEY: *Not only was corruption so prevalent in the world, but people had become “desensitized and uncaring” toward the cultural immorality around them.*

What can we learn from Noah and the Second Coming?

Be PREPARED: to be **influencers** and **expectant** of His return
2 Peter 3:10-12

Be AWARE: care about our **culture** and the **people** around you

Be INTENTIONAL: live for something greater than **ourselves**

Be MISSIONAL: both **personally** and in faith **community**

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Life Group Discussion Questions – June 18, 2023

Matthew 24:37-39 “For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be.”

DISCOVER (read Matthew 24:36-40)

1. If you could ask God any question and knew that He would give you a very clear and concise answer, what would you ask Him and why would you ask that particular question?
2. Why do you think so many people desire to know the date and time of Jesus’ return?
3. It has been said that “leadership is influence.” As believers, that makes us leaders because we have influence. Why don’t we see ourselves as leaders? In what ways are we leading people away from Jesus? How should we be impacting our spheres of influence in the name of Jesus?
4. What does it mean to be ready for Jesus’ return, practically, if we don’t know when He will come? What is one thing you can say for certain about the day and the hour of the second coming of Christ?

EXPLORE

1. How does Matthew 24:36-40, relate to Matthew 24:1-31 and 24:45-51? How are these passages meant to influence your lifestyle?
2. Review Genesis 6-8. What is the same between what Noah knew about God’s coming judgement and what we currently know? What did Noah do that we should also do? What do you think is the single, most important thing believers can do to be ready for that day?
3. In Genesis 6:6, we find that God was sorry that He created man...and His heart was grieved as a result. Why was this more than just disappointment? What does this say about God’s character?
4. Read Romans 13:11-14. Understanding the signs in our present age, we must awake from our slumber because our salvation is nearer than we first believed. How do we know that Noah understood that judgment was at hand? What does it mean to live life “expectantly”? What kind of attitude must we have concerning our sinful behaviors?
5. In what ways is Noah’s flood like the second coming of Christ? At the moment of Jesus’ Second Coming, how will the wicked view His arrival and subsequent judgment? How will the righteous respond?

EXPERIENCE

1. How are you preparing for the second coming of Christ? What will be different in your faith journey knowing that His arrival is imminent?
2. What practical ways can you think of that we can show others Christ’s love with a sense of profound sincerity and urgency?
3. How would you explain the Second Coming and the end times to a seeker?

PRAY

Pray... Our gracious God and Father, we know that You are not willing that anyone would perish, yet there are still the stiff-necked and obstinate. Lord, we pray for an out-pouring of Your Spirit of repentance, a righteous change for both this unbelieving generation and those whose names are in the Book of Life. Help us to be the Light of the world; to be people of relentless pursuit of those who are hiding in the darkness. Grant repentance to the unseeing and unhearing, for the sake of Your Great Name. Amen