

Cole Community Church Growth Groups
Study Guide for Genesis 6:11 – 8:19
Week of November 23, 2008

Introduction

As we have seen in Genesis 6:8-9 Scripture states that Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord and that Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time and he walked with God.

Read Genesis 6:11-22

- 1. Why do you think God gave such specific instructions for Noah to follow?**

Read Genesis 7:1-24 – 8:1-19

- 2. Note the number of days associated with the events of the flood and how they associate with similar numbers in Scripture**

The whole flood experience occurred over more than a year's time. While we often refer to the 40 days and 40 nights of the flood there are many other actions and events that hold significance in the flood experience account. Note the number of days associated with the events of the flood and how they associate with similar numbers in scripture.

_____ days of waiting for the flood (7:4)
 _____ days of waiting for the flood (7:10)
 _____ days of flood (7:17a)
 _____ days of water triumphing (7:24)
 _____ days of water waning (8:3)
 _____ days of waiting (8:6)
 _____ days of waiting (8:10)
 _____ days of waiting (8:12)

(Adapted from J.W. Wendham Word Biblical Commentary [Waco: Word, 1987])

- 3. How does scripture describe Noah's relationship with God? What does the ark symbolize about our relationship with God today?**
- 4. How does this Scripture describe the swiftness and completeness of God's judgment of the civilization of Noah's day? Should we expect God to act differently today?**
- 5. In Genesis 8: 6-12 the text features the release of a raven (an unclean animal) and a dove (a clean animal). What is represented by these animals, their release and how they behaved following their release?**