



In the Beginning ... Alone but not Forgotten

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If you add it all up, Noah spent 1 year and 17 days in the ark. That's a long time in a cramped space with lots and lots of animals. This was no luxury cruise. The ark was not equipped with a swimming pool. There were no movies, no entertainers, and no fancy buffets. There was nothing to do but stay in the boat while it floated aimlessly on the surface of the ocean. Before long, being isolated from the rest of the world can get the best of you. Have you ever wondered if God has forgotten you? Have you ever felt as if your prayers were bouncing off the ceiling and hitting you on the head? If so, Genesis 8 is for you.

All Alone on the Ark ... Genesis 8

I. God Remembered Noah

- God Sent a _____ (8:1)
- God Gave a _____ (8:6-12)
- God _____ (8:16-17)

II. Noah Remembered God

- Noah _____ (Gen. 8:18-19)
- Noah _____ (8:20-22; Ecclesiastes 12:1)

What Should We Learn?

1. We live in a _____.
2. The Story of Noah and the Ark points forward to another time when _____ will indeed Come, and this time eliminate this Broken World.
3. As Noah entered the Ark and was saved by _____, so you come to Christ by _____.

Truth for Life

For the week of April 4, 2021

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. Think about a time when you felt all alone. What did it feel like? How did you respond to the feeling? How were you able to work through the challenges that the feeling brought?
2. This week we saw how Noah likely struggled waiting on God. That waiting is often felt as though God has abandoned us, or worse, that we might be under some judgment or discipline. When we are in the middle of that experience, it is hard. What can we learn from the following passages that might benefit us in these times of suffering?
James 1:2-4 Hebrews 5:7-8 1 Peter 1:6-7 2 Corinthians 1:3-6
Could those seasons of suffering or trial be times God is trying to ultimately benefit us? How do you think our attitude affects our willingness to accept trials as God's tool to benefit us?
3. Knowing that God is still at work for the positive in our life is an important reassurance in the midst of life's challenges. Read Philippians 1:6 and meditate on what it means that God is committed to finish His work in you. Fortunately, God's Word also gives us resources to help us in these challenges. What resources do you find in the following passages that can help you cope with (or handle), or to even grow through a hard season in life?

John 14:25-27 Philippians 4:6-7 Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Can you think of any examples of how any of these resources have helped you? Is there one you tend to forget more than the others?

4. Here are some more challenging questions that will be great to ponder among your small group.
 - a. Some say that the fear of hell is not a legitimate motive to trust in Christ as Savior. Agree/disagree? Why?
 - b. Discuss: Why do people flock to prophecy conferences but not to prayer conferences? To what extent should we try to figure out all the details of biblical prophecy?
 - c. How can a Christian develop the biblical focus of living daily in light of Christ's coming? What practical things can he do?
 - d. Does the idea of heaven motivate you or bore you? How can a believer develop a longing to depart and be with Christ (Phil. 1:21-23)? How far should we go medically to prolong life?



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- Noah **Obeyed** (Gen. 8:18-19)
- Noah **Worshiped** (8:20-22; Ecclesiastes 12:1)

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