

MOOREBANK – HAMMONDVILLE ANGLICAN CHURCHES
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION

Passage: Genesis 6-9

Read Genesis 6.

1. There are three possible interpretations for whom the 'sons of God' are in vv.1-2: fallen angels, tyrannical kings, or the sons of Seth. What possible evidence can you find for each view? Which do you think is correct and why?
2. What are the four reasons given for the flood? (vv.1-3, 5, 11, 12)
3. How do you feel about a global flood that destroys all men, women and children? Do you think it is fair?

Read Genesis 7.

4. The flood is supposed to be understood as God unmaking the world. What examples can you find of God reversing or undoing Genesis 1?
5. What are the different ways that God shows grace to Noah and his family?

Read Genesis 8:1-9:7.

6. If Genesis 7 is all about God undoing creation, this passage is all about God recreating the world. What examples can you find of God re-enacting Genesis 1?
7. Read Gen. 1:28-30. What similarities and differences are there between the creation mandates of Genesis 1:28-30 and Genesis 9:1-7?
8. How hopeful do you think we should feel at this point in the story?

Read Genesis 9:8-29.

9. Who does God make the promise/covenant with in vv.8-17? Why is this covenant important?
10. Is verse 11 promising that God will never use water as his tool for destruction, or is it promising never to destroy all living creatures again, regardless of means? What is the significant of this for the Christian hope (c.f. Rom. 8:19-21)?
11. What was Noah's sin and what was Ham's sin?
12. How is the situation at the end of chapter 9 similar to that of Genesis 3 & 4?
13. What explanation does this story provide for why the world is still violent and broken?

Read Romans 6:1-6.

14. What are the similarities between Jesus and Noah's ark?
15. In what ways is Jesus a more complete solution to the problem of human wickedness than Genesis 6-9?