



BIBLE STUDY

MAJOR CHARACTERS OF THE BIBLE



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BIBLE STUDY NORMS

MAJOR CHARACTERS IN THE BIBLE

LEADER NORMS

Take some time to read over these on your own.

- * Please prepare and look over the material for the week. We designed this study to be very user-friendly, but it is your responsibility to come prepared each week and best tailor this study to your group's needs.
- * Please look over the questions and answers we have prepared for you. Feel free to add or take away questions as you see fit to best meet the needs of your group.
- * Foster a group that asks questions and leads discussion themselves (Est. at the beginning of the semester).

GROUP NORMS

Take some time to read over these with your group.

- * Value the contribution and voice of all group members
- * Give people time to respond, silence is okay.
- * Challenge people in their thinking. Ask questions like "What led you to that answer?" or "Where did you find that in the passage?"
- * Respond to distracting comments by asking, "Where is that found in this passage?"
- * Lean into the fact that we are an interdominational movement and learn from one another's different theological backgrounds. Please respect and honor those in your group that might think differently than you.

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STUDY MODEL

OVERVIEW

01

This section will provide you with a general overview of the characters we will be looking at in the study. It will also provide you with some vocabulary words for your group and the first set of questions to help you gauge your groups understanding beforehand.

VIDEO

02

This section will provide you with a video that discusses the characters and section of the Bible we will be in. It will also be the section where you pray to start the study.

PASSAGE & DISCUSSION

03

In this section you will find the passage that we will be reading as well as the launch question and some understanding questions for your group. It will also provide the supportive New Testament text with questions for the group.

QUESTIONS

04

This is where you will have all of your questions.

ANSWERS

05

This is where you will have all the answers to the questions. Question number and answer number will correpsond.

NEXT STEPS

06

This section will provide you with some additional resources and will encourage you to gauge your groups understanding of the discussion you just had.

WEEK **02**

NOAH & THE ARK

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OVERVIEW

01

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?

GENESIS 6: 5-22 - A Preacher of Righteousness & The Ark of Salvation

“The Bible, in Genesis 5–9, gives us the bulk of what we know about Noah and his life. Noah was married and had three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Each of the sons had his own wife. In the years Noah spent building the Ark, his grandfather Methuselah and father Lamech were alive and may have even assisted Noah in some ways. We are told that Noah walked with the Lord and found grace in His sight (Genesis 6:8–9; cf. Ezekiel 14:14, 20). We know from the genealogy listed in the previous chapter that Noah was in the tenth generation of the human race, and his name is related to “comfort” and “rest” (Genesis 5:29). In other writings he is also described as a “preacher of righteousness” (2 Peter 2:5) who was motivated by faith and godly fear (Hebrews 11:7). This is not a lot of detail, but I would be ecstatic if that was how my life was summarized.”

-Answers In Genesis

GROUP CONTEXT QUESTIONS: (~5 MIN)

Who, What, Where, When, Why and How?

Who: is Noah?

What: did Noah and do?

When: is Noah in the Bible?

Where: is Noah in the Bible?

Why: should we know about Noah?

How: does Noah impact us?

VOCABULARY WORDS:

- Appeal
 - "Appeal" means to make a serious request, to be attractive or interesting, or, in law, to ask a higher court to review a lower court's decision

WHEN AND WHERE

- When asking when and where is Noah in the Bible, make sure to cover setting as well as book and chapters of the Bible. Who came before him and after him? What else was going on in the world?

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VIDEO

02

WATCH THESE VIDEOS WITH YOUR GROUP

Watch this video through

- * This video is from a series that looks at the historical accuracy of the Genesis account.
- * Allow your group to discuss what they think about the video if you think that would be beneficial.
- * [Video Link Here](#)



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PRAY FOR TONIGHTS STUDY

Ask someone in the group to pray

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PASSAGE & DISCUSSION

03

LAUNCH QUESTION (~5 MIN)

Allow your group time to discuss

- * What promises found in God's Word bring you the most comfort? Has there been a time where obedience to the faith has been uncomfortable but led to blessing? What was that blessing like?

READ THE PASSAGE: (~5 MIN)

You can break up the reading of the passage: Genesis 6: 5-22

- * Allow the group time to look back over all that they just read
- * Discuss what stands out to them and go through the understanding questions

UNDERSTANDING QUESTIONS: (~5 MIN)

What does this passage teach us about:

- * God (Father, Son and Spirit)?
- * The world?
- * How we relate to God?
- * How we relate to the world?

SUPPORTIVE NEW TESTAMENT PASSAGE: (~5-10 MIN)

Ask the first question and then read 1 Peter 3: 18-22

- * Does the New Testament say anything about these characters? (Read 1 Peter 3: 18-22)
- * How does this passage connect with a main theme that points me to Christ?
- * How does this passage aid my understanding of Christ and what he's done?

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QUESTIONS

04

OBSERVATION & INTERPRETATION: (~10-20 MIN)

Always ask: "What sticks out to you?" to begin a discussion:

Read Genesis 6: 5-22

- 1 What are some repeated words?
 - 2 **What is the state of the world in this passage?**
 - 3 How does God feel toward creation?
 - 3 What repeated words tell us about God's view of sin? How can we and why should we view sin in the same way?
 - 4 Who does God find favor in?
 - 5 **What is different about the person of Noah in comparison to the rest of creation?**
 - 6 What is Noah tasked with?
 - 7 **How big is the ark? What kind of symbol is the ark to us?**
 - 8 **What does God say He will establish with Noah in verse 18?**
 - 9 **What is a covenant? What other covenants do you see in the Bible?**
 - 10 What are these commands promising?
 - 11 Why is Noah tasked by God to build this ark?
 - 12 What are God's commands for what will go in the ark?
 - 13 Why do they bring two of every living thing into the ark?
 - 14 **What do you think this ark represents?**
 - 15 **What are some other stories with water imagery? What do you think this means?**
 - 16 **How does this story of the ark relate to the story of Christ?**
 - 17 Is Noah obedient to God in this passage?
- Read 1 Peter 3: 18-22
- 18 **As we read in 1 Peter 3: 18-22, how do you think this story relates to baptism?**
 - 19 **How do we more clearly see Christ in the Genesis passage after we have read 1 Peter 3: 18-22?**

APPLICATION:

What does this mean for us?

- 20 How can we relate the state of the world that we live in today to the state of the world that Noah lived in?
- 21 **When was a time that you had to trust God, even when it seemed crazy? (Like building an enormous ark.)**
- 22 **How are the promises of God, like the one we see in this story, comforting to you?**

QUESTIONS

It is not expected that you go through every single question. **Bolded questions are recommended for discussion, but feel free to pick which questions you go through.**

APPLY

You may only choose 1-2 of these based on how long they take. These questions are meant to be open-minded and allow the group to think how this impacts their personal lives. There may not be any direct answers for them.

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ANSWERS

05

OBSERVATION & INTERPRETATION ANSWERS:

Answers

- 1 Allow the group to discuss
- 2 “The earth was corrupt in God’s sight, and the earth was filled with violence.” v.11
- 3 He wishes to “make an end of all flesh” in verse 13. He is a destroyer of all evil.
- 3 “Wicked,” “corrupt,” “violent.” Having a proper understanding of sin helps us better understand God’s holiness. Allow the group to discuss practical methods.
- 4 Noah. As the head of his household and the representative of his family, his family is also blessed to receive redemption.
- 5 He is seen as righteous before God.
- 6 He is tasked to build an ark with specific instructions and fill it with two of every living thing.
- 7 300 x 50 x 30 cubits. Supposedly 510 x 85 x 51 feet. The ark represents salvation, grace and wrath. It points to life in the same way that Christ brings forth life. Allow your group to discuss.
- 8 A covenant.
- 9 It is a promise between two or more parties to perform certain actions. There are many other covenants in the Bible including the Adamic, Noahic, Abrahamic, Davidic and New Covenants.
- 10 These commands, although the flood is promising death, are promising continued life on earth after the cleansing of corruption.
- 11 He is the redeemer of all life
- 12 Two of every living thing. One male and female.
- 13 To reestablish creation and preserve life allowing for repopulation post flood.
- 14 This ark represents salvation.
- 15 The Exodus, Jonah, Jesus walking on water and calming the storm, etc. Allow the group to discuss these imageries.
- 16 Christ is the ark that brings his people salvation. His return reflects the flood.
- 17 Yes.
Read 1 Peter 3: 18-22
- 18 As the ark was washed by the water and brought forth life, we see baptism doing a similar thing. As Peter talks of an appeal to God, the ark is a type of appeal. Allow your group to further discuss this question.
- 19 Having a better understanding of baptism through Peter, we can look at this flood and see how the ark represents being delivered by means of water and look to Christ and how he acts similarly.

APPLICATION ANSWERS:

Allow your group to discuss.

- * Allow the group to discuss the answers to these questions (20-22)

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NEXT STEPS

06

NEXT WEEK

Decide as a group about next week

- * Should we continue discussion on this passage or move on through the text next week?
- * Do you guys feel confident in your understanding of what was discussed tonight?
- * Any questions? (Allow anyone to come to you in private if need be)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's going on???

- * Where is Cru this week?
- * What are our next upcoming events?
- * Any other announcements?

PRAYER

Break off and pray

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Provide these for your group's further learning

- * [Noah and the Ark](#)
- * [Biblical Hermeneutics Stack](#)
- * [BibleHub](#)
- * [The Better Version of Noah's Ark](#)