

Bible Essentials

Scripture Passage: Genesis 7:1-8:14

As a group, share something about your past week. For example, share prayer requests and answers to prayer. Share the best and worst moments of your week (highs and lows). Write prayer requests here. Open with prayer for these requests and for God to open your hearts to this week's study.

What's the worst storm or natural disaster that you've ever experienced?

Read today's passage. Discuss your initial impressions of the passage. Write any major points here.

Here is some context for Genesis 7:1-8:14.

In Genesis 6, we learned that God was troubled at the evil on the earth, so he decided to destroy the earth with a flood. In spite of all the evil, he did find one good man, Noah, and he gave Noah instructions to build an ark to save himself, his family, and the animals. As the blameless person Noah was, he followed all of God's instructions. He built the ark to God's specifications and he prepared to enter the ark with his family at God's appointed time. That appointed time comes in this week's passage.

What are your thoughts about the context? Discuss the context as a group. Write some key points here.

Read the passage again. Use a different Bible version if you have one available. Have someone summarize the passage in their own words, and use this space to record that summary.

Look closely at the passage and answer the following questions as a group. Write notes in the space provided.

What does the passage say about God?

What does the passage say about people?

What does the passage say about God's plan?

As a group, use the following questions to apply today's Scripture passage to your life.
How does this passage affect how you view God?

How does this passage affect how you view yourself?

How does this passage affect how you will live your life?

Close in prayer, asking God to help you apply what you learned today.