SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Covenant with NOAH

Warm-Up Question:
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- What were the promises God made from 8:18-9:1, 7-11?
- What's the significance of God's "common grace" that extends to all the creation and animals? What's some applications we could make from it?
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A Covenant =
"A God-established relationship, based on grace, and bound by a life-and-death commitment."

Prayer

1) Confess any desire to all the more see the severity of your sin.
2) Praise God for initiating his covenant with us and pouring out his judgment on Jesus instead of you
3) Ask God to lead you into areas of mission, care for people and his creation

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SCRIPTURES USED

Gen. 6:5 The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and
that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. **6** And
the LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his
heart. **7** So the LORD said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the
face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens,
for I am sorry that I have made them.” **8** But Noah found favor in the eyes of the
LORD.

Gen. 6:9 These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man,
blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God. **10** And Noah had three
sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Gen. 6:11 Now the earth was corrupt in God’s sight, and the earth was filled with
violence. **12** And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had
corrupted their way on the earth. **13** And God said to Noah, “I have determined
to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them.
Behold, I will destroy them with the earth. **14** Make yourself an ark of gopher
wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. **15** This is
how you are to make it: the length of the ark 300 cubits, its breadth 50 cubits,
and its height 30 cubits. **16** Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above,
and set the door of the ark in its side. Make it with lower, second, and third
decks. **17** For behold, I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all
flesh in which is the breath of life under heaven. Everything that is on the earth
shall die. **18** But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into
the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives with you.

Gen. 6:22 Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

Eccl. 12:14 For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing,
whether good or evil.

Matt. 12:36 I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every
careless word they speak,

Heb. 4:13 And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed
to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Rom. 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Gen. 8:18 So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with
him. **19** Every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves
on the earth, went out by families from the ark.

Gen. 8:20 Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and took some of every clean
animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. **21**
And when the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, the LORD said in his heart, "I
will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man's
heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living
creature as I have done. **22** While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold
and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."

Gen. 9:1 And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and
multiply and fill the earth.

Gen. 9:7 And you, be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and
multiply in it."

Gen. 9:8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, **9** "Behold, I establish
my covenant with you and your offspring after you, **10** and with every living
creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth
with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. **11** I
establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the
waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."