

The Heart of the Matter

12. How faithful has God been in keeping His promises to you?

13. How has God made a covenant with you right now?

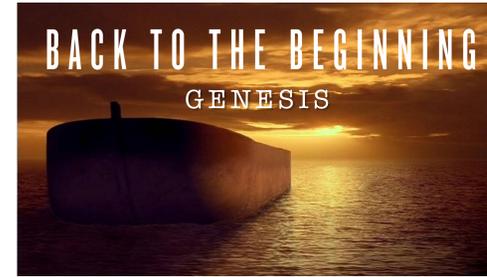
14. What 'rainbow' has God given you as a sign of his faithfulness to you in your life?

15. In what area of your life does this passage bring you the most comfort?

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Life Group Study Guide

Beginning Again After the Storm - I Believe

Genesis 8:20 - 9:17

For the Week of October 22, 2017

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?

2. Which best describes your life today: a raging storm, an enclosed ark or a dove with an olive branch? Why?

3. Describe a time in the past when you felt the most worshipful?

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Digging Deeper

4. Why was Noah's first action after leaving the ark to build an altar and make a sacrifice to God? How was the true worship of God now restored on the earth?

5. How do we know that God was well pleased with this sacrifice and accepted it? (V21-22)

6. Why did God promise to never again destroy life on the earth with a global flood? Did the flood correct man's sinful nature? How will God deal with man's rebellion in the future? (2 Peter 3:7)

7. What comfort do you find in reading verse 8:22? What would happen to us if this were not true?

8. What permanent ordinances of God are contained in verses 9:1-17 that are given to Noah and his family and also to all mankind?

9. In verses 9:1-17 what is repeated from the past? What seems to be new?

10. In verse 9:6, God communicates to Noah and his family the sacredness of human life. How does this verse suggest that human life is sacred? How is the punishment for taking a life just and necessary?

11. War often involves the taking of human life. When is going to war justified and necessary in God's eyes? How does killing in war differ from murder?