

The Heart of the Matter

12. How has your life been affected by the mistakes or sins of your parents?

13. Do you drink too much? If so what do you need to do to walk with God in sobriety?

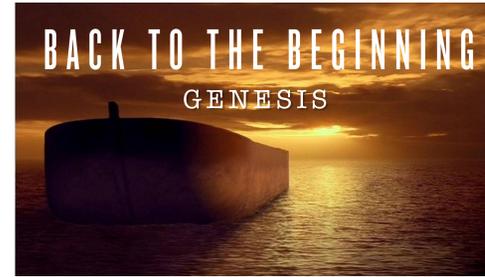
14. Are you too promiscuous in mind or body? If so, what do you need to do to walk with God in purity?

15. If you are a father, based on this account what do you need to do to become the father that God would want you to be?

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Life Group Study Guide

The Legacy of a Father Genesis 9:18-29 For the Week of October 29, 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. Do you have a green thumb? (Are you good with plants?) What success have you had?
3. What kind of a legacy did your father leave with you?

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Digging Deeper

4. From this account what is your impression of Noah? Of his sons? How does this compare with the image of Noah presented in 6:8-10?

5. How does telling the whole story about God's people, the good and the bad, add credibility to the Bible? What other purposes does God have in showing us these things?

6. This is the first mention of wine in Scripture. What is the Biblical view of drunkenness? (Proverbs 20:1; 23:19-21 & 29-35; Isaiah 5:11; Habakkuk 2:15; Romans 13:13; I Corinthians 6:10; Ephesians 5:18)

7. How is our response to sin and the embarrassment of others an indication of our character? What do we learn about Ham based on his actions?

8. It seems that something incredibly wicked in God's sight took place between Ham and his father in verses 21-22, and 24. What should we do when we fail before God? (1 John 1:9; Psalm 32:5; 51:3)

9. What character traits did Shem and Japheth show by their actions? What does the Bible mean when it says, "Love covers a multitude of sins?" (I Peter 4:8)

10. How did Noah's curse on Ham, the father of Canaan, turn out to be a prophecy? When Israel, Shem's descendants went into the promised land, why did God direct them to kill the Canaanites? How evil had they become?

11. What do you think is the most important lesson that we can draw from this passage?