



Bible Study Booklet

23 March to 20 April 2025

Study 1

Week of 23 March

Read Genesis 6:9-22

1. As a surprising twist to God's response to the corruption, *grace finds Noah*. How is the choice of Noah more about grace and less about how 'good' he was?
2. What was God requesting of Noah?
3. What is the actual content of the covenant between God and Noah?
4. You will note that for the covenant to be enacted, this required a response from Noah. What did Noah have to do? What is at the heart of his willingness to do all that God commanded (especially in comparison to what was *at the heart of the corruption*)?
5. When have you felt God asking you to do something that may have seemed ridiculous at the time? What stops us from responding to God when he asks something of us?
6. In Matthew 24, Jesus speaks of a final time of judgment yet to come. How do you feel about there being a future (and final) time of judgment when Jesus returns?

Read Genesis 7

7. What stands out to you in this chapter?

8. What are the various ways in which Noah obeyed God's commandments? Do you think this would have been easy? How do you find following God's commandments every day?

9. Where are the signs of hope in this chapter?

Read Genesis 8

10. What is meant by the opening words of chapter 8, "God remembered..."?

11. Where else in the Bible has receding water been pivotal to people being saved?

12. How does the author of Genesis (in this chapter) make it clear that the end of the flood marks the beginning of a new era? (Or re-creation?) How might this parallel with the final time of judgment and restoration?

13. What's significant about Noah waiting to get out of the ark and then immediately worshipping God? How does God respond?

Read Genesis 9:1-29

1. How does God's command to Noah and his sons to "be fruitful and multiply" relate to God's original mandate to Adam and Eve in Genesis 1:28?
2. What is the significance of the prohibition against consuming blood? How does this respect for life apply in our world today?
3. What does God's covenant with Noah and all living creatures reveal about His character and His plans for creation?
4. How does the sign of the rainbow serve as a constant reminder of God's promises?
5. How does the episode of Noah's drunkenness reflect on his character and the realities of human imperfection, even in those who are faithful?
6. How does the concept of blessings and curses play out in this chapter, and what implications might that have for our understanding of justice and retribution?

7. How does the life of Noah inspire you in your journey of faith?

8. What does the sanctity of life, as stressed in God's command to Noah, mean to you in present-day context?

9. How does God's covenant with Noah comfort you during difficult times?

10. What are the modern parallels to Noah's experience of starting anew, and how can they inspire us in our lives?

11. What does Noah's blessing over Shem and Japheth teach us about recognising righteousness in others?

12. How can we cultivate a consistent awareness and appreciation of God's promises, symbolised by the rainbow?

13. What steps can you take to ensure respect and dignity for all, reflecting on the actions of Noah's sons?

14. In the face of human frailty, as exhibited by Noah's drunkenness, how does this shape our understanding of grace and mercy?

Study 3

Week of 6 April

Read Genesis 10 : The Table of Nations

1. What is the purpose of the "Table of Nations" in Genesis 10?
2. How does this chapter show the continuation of the lineage of Noah's sons?
3. What are some of the key nations or peoples that are mentioned in Genesis 10?
4. How does the concept of "spread out" from Genesis 9:1 relate to the events in Genesis 10?

Read Genesis 11:1-10 : The Tower of Babel

5. What motivates the people in Genesis 11 to build the city and tower?

Study 4

Week of 13 April

Read Genesis 12:1-9

1. What does Abram's obedience to God's call teach us about faith and trust?
2. How does God's promise to Abram relate to His plan for humanity as a whole?
3. The LORD came to Abram with a command and a promise. How does this resemble Jesus' call to His disciples, (Matthew 4:18-22, Luke 5:1-11)? How does this resemble the moment that you first believed the gospel?
4. Biblically, being blessed means God being pleased with us, or having God's favour. Is this how you think of being blessed by God? Why or why not?

5. The promise of blessing (the favour of God) came at the cost of Abram leaving behind his family and his security. What have you left behind in order to follow the greater treasure that is Jesus Christ?

6. Abram obeyed the LORD, having faith that God would fulfill His promises. What obedience have you seen in your life as evidence of your faith in God's Word?

7. Abram worshipped the LORD by building altars (and likely making sacrifices) out of thanksgiving to God. Does your worship, especially through giving and serving, come from a heart of obligation or one of gratitude?

8. After promising to make Abram's name famous, Abram called upon the name of the LORD (probably meaning that he proclaimed God to the people around him). Do you proclaim the name of the LORD, the God who saved us from our sins? How often do you share the good news of Jesus Christ with those around you?

9. Abram's journey only began with his initial conversion. In what ways have you continued to follow the LORD after your first believing of the gospel?

EASTER BIBLE STUDY

1. Why is it important for each one of us to stop and remember Easter, the day Jesus conquered sin and death?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-23

2. According to these verses, why does the resurrection make all of the difference for followers of Christ?

3. What does it mean in verse 22, that, 'For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.'?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

4. According to these verses, why do followers of Christ have victory over sin and death?

