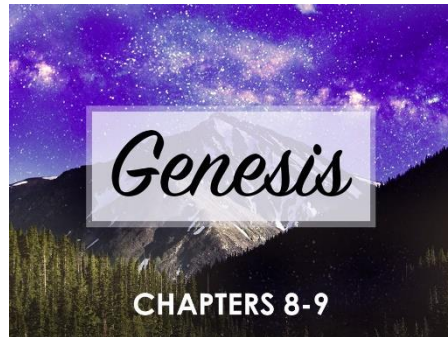


Genesis 8-9 A New Beginning November 3, 2019 Discussion Notes

Everyone is encouraged to bring a Bible

(Phone apps are good for reading together in the same translation. Study Bibles give help with interpretation.)



Questions:

1. Can you think of an instance when you deserved a punishment (e.g. a traffic ticket) but you instead received mercy? What happened? How did you feel?
2. What do you remember about each of the main points of the sermon? (seen above). What in the sermon challenged you? Do you have any questions to bring up?
3. Read James 1:13-17
 - a) What does this passage teach us about God?
 - b) According to this passage, what is the main source of temptation in our lives?
 - c) Why do you think the devil isn't blamed here?
 - d) What is the progression of sin described here? Have you seen this progression take place (either in your life or in someone else's)?
 - e) What do verses 16 and 17 have to do with overcoming temptation? How could Eve have benefited from reading these verses (see Genesis 3:4-6).
4. Read Ephesians 2:1-3
 - a) What are the three main negative influences in the life of someone who is "dead" in their sins?
 - b) Describe how each of these influences works to affect people.
 - c) Now read Ephesians 2:4-10. What is God's answer to the power of sin in our lives?
 - d) What were God's motivations in doing these things for us?
5. Read Genesis 39:7-12
 - a) How did Joseph deal with the temptation that was coming his way?
 - b) Do you think that it shows weakness to run away from temptation like Joseph did?
 - c) Read 1 Corinthians 6:18, 1 Corinthians 10:14, 1 Timothy 6:10-11, and 2 Timothy 2:22. In light of these Scriptures, can you think of an area of temptation that you need to flee from? If so, who can you talk to for help and support? (These questions are for personal reflection, unless someone in the group wants to share).
6. Read Isaiah 6:1-8
 - a) What was Isaiah's initial response to seeing a vision of God and angels?
 - b) What did an angel do for Isaiah?
 - c) How did this change Isaiah's perspective of himself? How can you tell?
 - d) Do you think that people hold back from serving God today because of a sense of guilt and unworthiness? If so, what would you tell someone who is holding back in this way? How might Isaiah's story help?
7. Read Proverbs 28:1. What is a benefit of being a godly person who has experienced God's forgiveness?
8. Share prayer requests and pray together. Pray that you would each walk in victory over temptation and sin.