



Welcome + Opening Prayer

Genesis 6:1-13; 7:17-24

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THEMATIC OVERVIEW

How is God both loving and judge?

"Violence thrives secretly nourished by belief in a God who refuses to wield the sword."

- Miroslav Volf, Exclusion & Embrace

PRAYER GUIDELINES

In prayer, we ask God to transform us and the world around us with His grace.

GROUP SCHEDULE - FALL

*Last HG week of Fall - Dec 2
ASC Christmas Party - Dec 16
Sun 7-9:390p @ Dakota Place*

GROUP SCHEDULE - SPRING

*HG welcome week - Jan 20
HG guides begins - Jan 27*

Explore + Apply

1. Why does God destroy the Earth with a flood? What needed destroying? What can we learn from verses 5 and 6 about God's purposes in judgement? What does God's grief (v. 6) in judgement communicate about His loving purposes?
2. In what relationships do you feel like it's up to you to take up the sword (see the quote from Miroslav Volf in the margin)? How does having God as the gracious judge, who accepts the judgement upon Himself, free you up to forgive— and bring an end to cycles of hurt/violence in your life?
3. We live in a world of imperfect apologies— for those of you who will be reconnecting with long-term friends and family for Thanksgiving, how might God's willingness to forgive you— before you had a perfect knowledge of your impact on Him— shape your experience of Jesus and extension of forgiveness this week?

Pray

- Reflect on God's willingness to tie Himself to us, even though we causes Him grief. Celebrate that God is a judge who grieves for us and brings about good in from evil.
- Pray and listen: How do you perpetuate cycles of harm/violence?
- Pray "Thy Kingdom come" here in West Seattle, in the U.S. and around the world, specifically that more and more people would encounter the life-giving forgiveness of Jesus Christ and extend that forgiveness interrupting patterns of harm/violence.

Home Groups are a vital part of shared life and growth in Christ. Here, we build community, deepen relationships, and discover and live the Christian life together.

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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.

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.

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.

^{7:17} The flood continued forty days on the earth. The waters increased and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. ¹⁸ The waters prevailed and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the face of the waters. ¹⁹ And the waters prevailed so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered. ²⁰ The waters prevailed above the mountains, covering them fifteen cubits deep. ²¹ And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, livestock, beasts, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all mankind. ²² Everything on the dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life died. ²³ He blotted out every living thing that was on the face of the ground, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens. They were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those who were with him in the ark. ²⁴ And the waters prevailed on the earth 150 days.