

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

IN THE BEGINNING: WEEK 5

While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to southeastchristian.org to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!

What are some of your favorite Easter traditions? How have these celebrations changed as you've gotten older? In what ways do these practices help you connect with and celebrate Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection?

Read Genesis 6:5-22. How had sin completely overtaken the thought and desires of mankind? What kind of reaction did this cause God to have? How does it make you feel to know that God was "grieved" that He created man? What do you think that means? How did Noah's life offer a glimmer of hope?

If you could choose one moment in your life to go back and change, what would you choose? Why? Why is regret such a universal part of the human experience? How is Jesus the ultimate answer for those feelings of guilt? How has He offered us a fresh start and freedom from our past mistakes?

Read Matthew 24:30-39. In what ways will the days before Jesus' return be like the days before the Flood? Why do you think Jesus gave us this warning? Knowing this, how should we prepare ourselves? What kind of urgency should we have in sharing the Gospel?

Read Genesis 9:8-17. What happened when Noah and his children left the Ark? What covenant did God make with mankind? What sign did God give as a marker of this covenant? What assurance does this give us to know that God is a God who always keeps His word?

As you close, read I Peter 3:21. How does the story of Noah point us toward the reality of baptism? When you look back on your own baptism, how do you see God at work in the moment? How was your life made new? Close in prayer by asking God to help you each walk in that newness of life this week.