

These questions are for the April 12, 2026, message, “Noah found favor.” Please read the sermon passage (Genesis 6:5-13, 7:17-18) out loud.

### Passage Outline

What does the flood teach us?

1. The violence of mankind (6:5, 11-12)
  - a. Every intention of his heart was only evil continually (6:5).
    - i. The particular corruption was violence (6:11).
    - ii. God told us that a single act of rebellion deserves death (Gen 2:17).
  - b. God sees it all, from the heart, to the tongue to the hand. God sees (6:5).
2. The necessity of God’s judgment (6:6-7, 13).
  - a. God is perfect in holiness and infinite in knowledge.
    - i. Morality comes from God (He owns everything and His authority is perfect).
    - ii. Our only hope for sanity is God’s perfect judgment.
      1. My injustices are forgiven by Christ Jesus.
      2. Injustices committed against me (my afflictions) are redeemed in Christ.
    - iii. God experiences great anguish in judgment (6:6-7).
  - b. If God does not judge, we become corrupt, turn to violence and lack all hope.
3. The glory of God’s Grace (6:8-10, 7:17-18).
  - a. In Noah. Noah “found favor in the eyes of the Lord” (6:8).
  - b. In Noah’s Ark. God saves those who trust Him. The waters of judgment “bore up” Noah.
  - c. In Christ Jesus. Jesus is the “Ark” of God’s rescue for all found in Him (Rom 8:1).

### Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: What does the corruption and violence of Noah’s day teach us about the human heart? Answer this question from these qualifiers: “every intention of his heart”; “only evil”; “continually.” Compare and contrast our hearts today with the hearts of the people of Noah’s day.
2. Based on #2, above: Many of our friends balk at a God of judgment, and many outright reject us because we could trust and worship God. Consider these aspects of judgment:
  - a. If God is not sovereign, holy and omniscient, we have no basis for morality.
  - b. If God does not judge, our suffering is meaningless and forgiveness impossible.
  - c. God forgives through the costly and precious death of His only begotten Son. Consider the great anguish and cost of God’s judgment at the cross.
3. Based on #3, above: Think about the glory of God’s grace in giving favor to those who do not deserve it. The greatest thing about Noah (and you, if you know Jesus) is that he “found favor in the eyes of the Lord.” How can we grow in our awareness of God’s grace, and our estimation (or “treasuring”) of His grace. Discuss this: if we are in Christ, our flood (the flood of God’s judgment against our sin) is over.