



SHARING LIFE

- How have you experienced God this week?
- Do you need any help from God in your life?
- ▶ Pray together: Thank God for experiences, ask for God's help.



REVIEW

- What are your insights after writing down the effects of the fall for a week?
- Could you tell anyone about your experiences with God last week?
- How did they respond?
- How are the people that you are caring for doing? What would help them most?
- Did you get a chance to share a God experience with someone? Did you pray for someone?
- ▶ Pray together, that you may get to know new aspects of God and that your friendship with God would be strengthened and become deeper.



BIBLE STUDY - GENESIS 6:5 - 7:24

- Start by reading the commentary to the text as an introduction.
- Read the text quietly
- Read the text out loud
- Retell the text (from memory – closed Bibles)
- Contributions from the group to complement



Sharing personal issues should not take up more than 1/3 of the evening.

Split groups of more than seven.

General questions:

- Is there anything that struck you in this text?
 - » What do you like about it?
 - » Is there anything in it that bothers you?
- What does it say about God?
- What does it say about humans?

Applying the text

- If what we've read is true, how will it change:
 - » my image of God?
 - » my behavior towards people, animals, nature?
 - » my way of life?



CHALLENGES

- Calculate the length, width and height of the Ark in meters/yards.
- Ask yourself, how you would react, if God gave you a specific job to do, like he did for Noah. Write down your thoughts and tell us next week.
- Where do I have an opportunity in the next week to share my experiences with God with someone and invite them to start a friendship with God?



COMMENTARY ON THE TEXT:

Genesis 6:5-7:24

The extreme effects of the events in the garden of Eden were gradually becoming visible. In just the course of a few generations, evil increased so much that by the tenth generation humans were full of evil.

- In the second generation of humans' individualism and egotism and envy, in short sin, was already so advanced that Cain murdered his younger brother. He was expelled from his family as a punishment. To ensure that Cain, who now had no family and who was thus vulnerable, would not be robbed and murdered by anyone, they agreed that he would be avenged seven times. That meant that if someone killed Cain, seven people would be executed as a punishment (Genesis 4:8-15).
- In the seventh generation, Lamech killed people for a bruise and demanded that he should be avenged not merely seven times as Cain had been but seventy seven times (Genesis 4:23-24).
- By the tenth generation (Noah's generation), it needed to be said that the wickedness of humans was GREAT. So great, that they could only do evil (Genesis 6:11-12). Therefore God decided to intervene dramatically in the history of the world to check that evil by only allowing what was good to survive the flood and thus make way for a new beginning (Genesis 6 and 7).



YOUR NOTES

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