Noah's Ark

Genesis 6:9-22
Small Group Questions
WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8-14, 2026

(1) Read Genesis 6:9-22

   (a) How do you see a new section of Genesis here?

   (b) Did you see any new details you hadn't previously, either in the sermon or the groups' reading through this section?

(2) How do the themes of God's holiness, justice, mercy, and creation intersect in what God says in vv 9-22?

(3) How does "the punishment fit the crime" as God explains why He is flooding the world? Why is this important?

(4) How do you make sense of the fact that the land animals and birds die as part of man's judgment?

   (a) Why does this raise the question of "the problem of evil" for some people? (And what *is* the problem, just so everyone is on the same page?)

   (b) How do Romans 8:19-22, Psalm 145:17, Job 42:1-3, Romans 9:17-22 speak into the struggle?

   (c) Why does this remain one of the most pressing apologetic and theological questions for skeptics and believers alike? Why will it continue to be?

   (d) How have *you* come to a place of worship, trust, and faith in the midst of the unknowns?

(5) How come so many people dismiss the record of the ark and flood as fanciful myth instead of accurate history?

   (a) What indications from this Text (Genesis 6:9-22) suggest that we must take it as accurate history?

   (b) How does a "hermeneutic of trust" versus a "hermeneutic of suspicion" change how we approach the account of the ark and Flood?

   (c) What are some of the "problems" that you've heard about the ark and what answers can we give to skeptics who say that what God tells Noah here "could never work"?

(6) In verses 9 and 22, what key do we see to how we ought to apply this passage in our own lives (given that none of us will be facing a global flood!)? (Hebrews 11:7; 1 Peter 3:18-22; 2 Peter 2:4-5)