

SERMON DISCUSSION STARTERS

☀️ Cain killed his brother Abel (Gen. 4:8), and Lamech killed a young man and bragged about it (Gen. 4:23-24). **Violence had spread on the earth prior to the flood (Gen. 6:11) and God wanted to emphasize the value of life to Noah as a new humanity populated the earth.** According to (Gen. 9:6) why is life so important to God? How is the diminished value of life seen in today's culture?

☀️ **According to (Gen. 9:8-17) what did God promise in the “Noahic Covenant?”** Why didn't he lay down conditions that humans had to obey? What was the main point of this covenant?

☀️ **Covenants often had a visible seal and reminder called a “sign.”** In the case of the covenant with Noah, God gave the sign of a _____ (Gen. 9:12). Think through some of the other biblical covenants and their associated signs. The sign of the Abrahamic Covenant was _____ (Gen. 17:11). The sign of the Mosaic Covenant was the _____ (Ex. 31:16-17). The sign of the New Covenant was _____ (Luke 22:20; 1Cor. 11:25).

☀️ **In (Gen. 9:14-16) God promises never again to destroy all the earth's creatures with a flood.** What problem does this merciful decision leave unsolved? The unfolding of the rest of the chapter depict the continuing problem with mankind. As you read the rest of Genesis and the Old Testament, we are pointed to God's ultimate solution. What is the needful solution to man's deepest problem according to (Gen. 3:15; Isaiah 53:4-6; Romans 5:17-19)?

☀️ **Moses interrupts his lengthy genealogy between Genesis 5 and 10 to focus on the life of one man.** Why do you think he zooms in on Noah? What was God trying to teach us through the life of Noah? Interestingly, Noah does not have a single line in the unfolding drama about his life, but his actions speak louder than words. Write down some things you've learned so far from this biblical biography.