

Life Group Questions

February 25

Get-to-Know-Me Questions:

- If you could turn any activity into an Olympic sport, what would you have a good chance at winning a medal for?

Into-the-Bible Questions:

Read through Genesis 6:9-22.

- What obstacles and opposition would Noah have faced preparing for the coming flood?

- Read verse 22 again. What questions did Noah ask? What concerns did Noah voice? What does this tell us about Noah?

- Noah was on that Ark for a little over a year (Gen. 8:13-16). During that time, do you think he ever had doubts about what God had told him? Do you think he ever felt forgotten by God? Why or why not? What would you have thought/felt/done if you were Noah?

- The beginning of this passage describes Noah as righteous and blameless and a man who “walked in close fellowship with God” (v. 9). After reading just a little bit about him, how do you think he gained that type of reputation? How can you have that type of reputation?

Let's Go Deeper:

Read through Luke 13:31-35.

- It seems odd that the Pharisees, who wanted to kill Jesus (Mark 3:6), would warn Jesus about Herod wanting to kill him. The Pharisees are slyly attempting to keep Jesus out of Jerusalem because they have no authority there. They tried to scare Jesus back to Judea, a place where they could have “control” over him. Do you ever find yourself trying to “control” the way Jesus works in your life? Explain your answer.
- Neither the Pharisees’ warning nor the irrational and unpredictable actions of Herod Antipas were enough to stop Jesus from obediently carrying out his Father’s will. He told them plainly, “I’m still going to spend the next three days caring for and healing the people I love. And you can go tell him that if you want.” Knowing all things, Jesus knew what he was doing would eventually cost him his life, and yet he continued. Describe a time you knew making a choice to be obedient to God would cost you something and you either did it anyway or chose not to be obedient.
- Jerusalem obviously had a reputation as a “city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it!” Even though Jerusalem continually goes through these phases of rejecting God’s message and messengers, God still sends them his son. What does this teach us about God? Why is this encouraging for us?
- In verse 34 of the NIV, Jesus says, “How often I wanted ..., but you wouldn’t let me.” Now read Mark 6:5. Is it possible for man to stop Jesus from doing what he wants to do? Explain.
- Reread verse 35. The phrase “see me” is translated as “recognize” or “see the real me.” Combine this with Jesus’ reference to Psalm 118:26, and we know that he is not referring to his triumphal entry, but rather to his second coming. In other words, Jesus is saying even though I’m right here with you, you don’t see me. Are these words ever true in your life? Why or why not?