

NOAH'S FLOOD: FACT OR FICTION?

part 1: "What Difference Does The Flood Make"

Leader's Guide

Overview

Did God really flood the entire earth and kill every breathing creature on it? If the flood of Genesis is an actual event, it is the most significant event in human history, having an impact incalculably larger than any other event on earth. If the flood was real, then it is biggest physical act of God except for the creation itself, orders of magnitude more impacting than anything else in the Bible. In this lesson we will discover the amazing difference the flood made on our planet.

Specific Session Tips

- <u>Ice breaker</u>. Ask each person: "Describe the most devastating natural disaster you can remember occurring in your lifetime." (Note: This will lead into a discussion about Noah's flood the reality of God judging this planet by flooding the earth. ;-))
- Once again, keep in mind that most people in your group have ONLY heard one side of this story. Don't be surprised if they react negatively or strongly to this session. Make sure to give grace and encourage them to consider what God may say about this area.
- Just a reminder Do not to answer every question yourself. Your job is to draw people out.
- Possibly do some extra research using Ken Hamm's Answers In Genesis, https://answersingenesis.org/

Suggested Format (90 minute meeting)

- 15 minutes Greet & Treat. Welcome people and encourage them to mingle before the meeting.
- 35 minutes Intro & Video. Introduce the topic, hand out <u>blanks</u> and then show the <u>video</u>.
- **35 minutes Discussion.** Lead the group through an honest discussion using questions below.
- **5 minutes Prayer.** At the end of your time, ask for prayer requests, and have several people pray.

Weekly Reminders

- Pray! Before each meeting, pray for each person by name and ask God to speak to their hearts!
- At the end of the meeting, remind people of who is on for treats the next week & what your topic will be.
- Pray at the end. Make sure to end ON TIME (You can always tell people they are welcome to stay but give those who need to leave the option to make an exit as soon as the class time expires).

Possible Discussion Questions

- 1. What is your reaction to this video? What impressed you the most? Why?
- 2. What have you personally been taught about the importance and reality of Noah's Flood? Have you ever heard what Bill shard before? Is what Bill shared hard to believe? Why or why not?
- 3. Discuss the POWER and devastatingly destructive power and affects of water floods, tsunamis, etc.). Why should a worldwide flood like Noah's be evident to all? What should you expect to find as evidence?
- 4. What is the most compelling evidence that helps you believe that Noah's Flood really occurred? Why do so many people not believe this?
- 5. What are the spiritual implications if the Flood was an actual historical event? What are the implications if it wasn't?