



genesis

part 1: origins

Week 7: Judgment & Covenant

Sin corrupts both our hearts and our behavior, so God resolves both with judgment and covenant. God's judgment on sin in the flood is meant to inspire a change in our behavior and fulfill God's justice. Covenant with Noah is designed to transform the heart, and transformed hearts live out obedient lives. We can be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit in covenant relationship with the Father through Jesus because the judgment on sin has been paid in and through his death on the cross.

Discussion Questions:

1. When you think about the flood narrative, how do you picture God?
2. **Read Genesis 6:5-18.** What stands out to you about the nature and character of God in these verses? How does the flood satisfy his character of holiness and his character of love?
3. How do we move toward God in covenant relationship? What practical things can we do that build that relationship with God in which we are changed by the Holy Spirit?
4. Who do you need in your life to walk alongside you in this covenant relationship in order to live in obedience to the Lord? How can they help you most, and how can you walk along with someone else?
5. Grace and truth, covenant and judgment, have to be held in tension, like a rubber band. Is it easier to pick one of those over the other and only focus on it? Which one and why? How can we live better in the tension of covenant (inner alignment with God) and judgment/justice (outer obedience to God)?
6. Close your time by sharing any area of your life where you are struggling with obedience and then pray for one another in that regard.