

Series: Genesis

**Passage:** Genesis 9 - 10 **Title:** New Beginnings

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Discussion Starter – What were the new beginnings that God established for Noah and his family?

## God Restores His Blessings – (Genesis 9:1-17)

- Describe what you see taking place in verses 9:1-3. How does this compare to the context of Genesis 1:28? What are some of the changes God makes in these new beginning for Noah and his sons? Why were these changes necessary?
- What is the significance of God now telling Noah and his son's not to eat animals with their blood still in them? What has changed now after the flood? Read Lev 17:11-12 and Hebrews 9:22. What additional insights are gained from these verses?
- Describe in your own words the circumstance, authority and purpose of what God is establishing in Genesis 9:5-6?
- Why do you think God repeats his command to Noah and his sons to be fruitful and multiply in verse 7? What does the use of the word "abundantly" mean? What *doesn't* it mean?
- What was the context and purpose of the sign of God's covenant which He made with Noah?
- What does God's covenant with Noah reveal to us about character and attributes of God?
- Give examples of other conditional and non-conditional covenants in the Bible.
- Read Jonah 4:2. What do you think God was trying to show Jonah? Who are the Ninevites in your life that God is sending you to witness to?
- How would you answer someone who says, "If God is so loving, why does He allow bad things to happen"? Read 2Peter 3:9.

## **Beware of Counterfeit Holy Spirits** – (Genesis 9:18-29)

- What happened to Noah and why might this have happened now? Read Ephesians 5:17-18? What is counterfeit about the spirits of alcohol? How has alcohol influenced your life?
- What do you think was the sin that Ham committed?
- What is the proper way to confront sin with our children? Our parents? Other believers?
- Read Genesis 3:7-11: What does nakedness symbolize?
- Read Exodus 20:12 and Eph 6:1-3: How is Ham's act and Shem/Japheth's acts toward their father and his nakedness instruct us beyond the actual physical events?
- Noah was considered a righteous man and he had just seen God deliver him and his family from a global flood. What warnings can we take away from Noah's sin?

## **Genesis Chapter 10:**

• What truths can we derive from the nations who descended from Noah and how do you see God's grace portrayed? What can we learn from the amount of detail in chapter 10?