

GENESIS

Humanity's New Beginning – Offloading Sin From the Ark with the Passengers

WARM UP

Share stories of people from hopeless settings who became great or noble persons. The opposite?

1. Imagine that Mr. and Mrs. Noah feel guilty for some of the sin and chaos in their family tree. They had tried to follow God in spite of the pressure of their culture but now are second guessing themselves -were they too hard on the boys or too lax? - should they have put their kids in a private Christian school? **Read Jam 1:14, Jer.17:9, Mk 7:20-23, 1 Cor 15:33, Ps 1:1-3 and give counsel to this couple.** Discuss environment and our sinful nature and how the Lord is helping you not to cave to either.

2. What does the Christian faith teach about people in every ethnic group?

What makes unity so important in the church that Jesus even gives out our report-card on this for the world to see?

What is at stake? Jn. 17:20-23

3. In Gen 11 the human race united in a coup to build a city that excluded and replaced God. **What are signs in our culture of the same characteristics of the spirit of the world?** - “craving for physical pleasure – craving everything we see – pride in our achievements and possessions.” (1 Jn 2:15-17) NLT

What Frank Sinatra song is always #1 in Babylon and in the human heart?

Compare and contrast Jesus' commands and values with what is acceptable to Americans? Consider,

Success? Hate? God? Worth? Truth? Minorities? Enemies? Individual Rights? Foreigners?

As a believer, where is the pressure of our environment most pressing for you? Share and pray together.

ONE RACE - ONE BODY OF CHRIST

In the Church: “Faith in Jesus Christ informs our ethnicity, informs our culture, informs our heritage and history... [Not the other way around] We are all one race – the human race sharing a beautiful diversity of ethnicities for the glory of God”

BRAD BELL

CONCLUDING CHALLENGE

Why are Christians, even if gracious and tolerant often viewed as hostile and even dangerous by those who feel it is their legitimate right and highest good to determine their own unique identity, and meaning as a human being including sexuality, gender, and values?

What is the person mentioned above really seeking to find? What is the heart longing?

How would you show that the gospel is designed by a loving God to meet that very need?

Pray together for friends and family members who need to understand the love of Jesus.