

Flourish: Week 1

October 20, 2024

Message Summary

Welcome Group to Flourish.

Have group members open guide books to Week One group discussion.

What is Flourish?

We are in a five-week teaching series that helps define our mission, teach biblical generosity, and share a vision for the future of The Fields Church.

Bigger picture: We will engage in a two-year generosity initiative to help us fulfill the vision God has given us to invest in all the ministries at The Fields Church, missions, and facility construction projects. (Please utilize the Flourish Guide Book to explore more in-depth information.)

Noah - Responding to God

Main Idea: God's grace toward us is not for us alone; we are called to be channels of salvation to others, just as Noah was.

Icebreaker Ideas

1. **Pet or No Pet?**

Ask each person if they have a pet, and if so, what kind of pet and its name. If they don't have one, ask what kind of pet they would have if they could choose any animal. It's a lighthearted way to talk about animals and pets!

2. **Morning Person or Night Owl?**

Have everyone share whether they're a morning person or a night owl, and why they prefer that time of day. This can lead to fun comparisons of daily routines and habits.

Key Scripture(s)**Genesis 6:5-8, 9**

5 The Lord observed the extent of human wickedness on the earth, and he saw that everything they thought or imagined was consistently and totally evil. 6 So the Lord was sorry he had ever made them and put them on the earth. It broke his heart. 7 And the Lord said, “I will wipe this human race I have created from the face of the earth. Yes, and I will destroy every living thing—all the people, the large animals, the small animals that scurry along the ground, and even the birds of the sky. I am sorry I ever made them.” 8 But Noah found favor with the Lord.

Talk About It

1. What does it mean to "find favor" with God? How can we, like Noah, respond to God's call in our lives?
2. How does Noah's story illustrate the importance of flourishing for the sake of others?
3. What are some areas in your life where God is asking you to rearrange your priorities to help others flourish?
4. Reflect on how The Fields Church has been given a mission to help others flourish. How can you individually contribute to this mission?

Ways to Pray:

1. The Fields Church will help others know Jesus.
2. We will listen to God over the next five weeks.
3. We will pray for one another in our group.