

Sermon Notes

HIStory and Your Story

September 14-15th, 2019

Remember, small groups are primarily for growing closer relationships with other believers. We can learn wonderful things in this environment but keep relationships first.

- **HIStory and Your Story**
- God has a plan for history, and for you! **Jeremiah 23:11**
- This series we go through the major events and people of the Bible. (We will miss a lot!!)
 - o Read your Bible for yourself. If you believe it and do it, your life will change for the better.
- **Noah and the Flood**
- Last time we talked about The Fall. Now it has come to this: **Genesis 6:5-6**.
 - o This is a long way from “very good.”
 - o God’s response? **Genesis 6:7**. Ouch. Kids’ story??
 - o But, there was a plan for the human race. **Genesis 6:8-22**
- What do we do with this? 3 Lessons:
 - o 1) Be thankful. **1 Thessalonians 5:18**
 - The world is messed up, but man it has been worse!!
 - o 2) God means business. Today’s sanitized version of God is just not from the Bible.
 - God is merciful and loving yes, but also a God of justice.
 - Two angels of justice: (crime) the depravity of man, and (consequence) the wrath of God.
 - The greater the crime, the stronger the consequence. This crime was very great.
 - This bears out in the New Testament too. **Mark 9:42**
 - o 3) God provides a way to safety for those who trust Him.
 - The Ark brought salvation for 8 people. Now God’s plan has room for everyone!!
- Parallel’s to New Testament and the Second Coming of Christ.
 - o **Matthew 24:36-42**
 - o **2 Peter 3:3-10**
- Let’s put ourselves in the story:
 - o The Flood = Second Coming/Day of the Lord
 - o Plan for Salvation by the Ark = Plan for Salvation by The Cross
 - o So, then the Ark = The Cross/the message of the cross carried by the Church.
 - o Noah builds the Ark = You...and me...and every believer.
 - God provided the plan. Noah carried it out.
 - NT, God provides the plan. We carry it out!
 - Doesn’t Jesus build his Church? Look at **Matthew 16:15-18**. How??
 - We are the hands and feet of Jesus. We all do our part and the plan comes together.
 - o Plan, one body. We believe, serve, and give. Together in one body.
 - How is the Ark building going??
- Quick Recap: The Cross is the Ark. You are a Noah. (Every believer the hands and feet of Jesus)
 - o The church is a lifeboat that we are building under God’s direction. How is your part coming?
 - o People would rather be God, and judge. Same issue as Satan, Eve, etc. Be a Noah, and build.
- The heart of God is not wrath, but love. Rainbow: **Genesis 9:11,13**.
- My feeling on **2 Peter 3:9**.
- Pray for each other before you finish up!