

Tuesday Bible Study: Week 11  
*Genesis 8:20-9:17*



November 19, 2024

1. Opening icebreaker: What is the best gift you ever received from someone?
  
2. How do we talk about sacrifice in our world today? How is this like the ritual sacrifice described in the Bible? How is it different?
  
3. What is the difference between a covenant and a contract?
  - a. Why might this distinction be difficult to grasp in our day and age?
  
4. Read Genesis 8:21 and compare it to Genesis 6:5. What is similar about these two passages? What is different?
  - a. What does Genesis 8:20-22 tell you about God's nature and his relationship to mankind?

- b. What God's graciousness toward us suggest about how we ought to treat one another?
  
- 5. Genesis says that God gives us the stars "for signs and for seasons, for days and for years" (Genesis 1:14) and promises that the seasons will endure (Genesis 8:22). Why were seasons so important to ancient people? Are they equally important to us today?
  - a. What are some things that have special significance because of the season of the year in which they fall? How does the natural turn of the seasons amplify or enhance celebrations of holidays?
  
- 6. What do you think it means to say that God has "blessed" humanity (see Genesis 1:28, 5:2, and 9:1)? What does it means for us to receive God's blessing?
  - a. Do you think that being blessed by God also requires or demands something of us? If so, what?
  
- 7. Read God's covenantal promise to Noah and his descendants (Genesis 9:8-11). What strikes you as most interesting about this promise? What other promises does God make to us?