



House Church Study Questions Based on the SAC Sermon on Jan. 30th, 2021

Sermon: “Skunks Don’t Like To Be Squeezed”

Text: Genesis 9:1-29

Gathering Guidelines

-Watch Pastor Brian’s intro video for this week.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l-iP1qqPc0I>

Take some time to worship

Play a worship song. Pray to Jesus. Be in His presence.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ycWDFd0yCHA> (O Come to the Altar)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8xeLgkpcpM0> (Lion and the Lamb)

Read

Genesis 9:1-29

(Read this whole passage even though it’s a bit long. . .)

Discussion Questions

Question #1:

In Genesis 1:9 God tells Noah to “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth.”

God tells Adam and Eve that in Genesis 1:28 as well.

Do you think this is applicable to your church, your House Church, and you?

Talk about this. . .

Question #2:

In Genesis 6:5 it says that Noah was a righteous man and that he walked with God.

Walking with God seems to be a sign of significant spiritual importance.

Noah walked with God: Genesis 6:5

Adam must have walked with God as he recognized the sound of God walking in the garden in Genesis 3:8.

Enoch is noted as having 'walked with God' in Genesis 5:24.

Two men walking with Jesus in Luke 24:32

Peter and John were noted as being with Jesus in Acts 4:13.

What is it about being close to God/Jesus; walking with Him and listening to Him that made such a difference in these people's lives, and is this something that is attractive for you?

Question #3:

Noah sinned in Genesis 9:20-21. Just like Adam and Eve sinned in Genesis 3:6.

Each time was due to their wanting to take control of their own lives and chart their own course apart from God.

What does Jesus say about the lives of those that have been saved by Him in 1 Corinthians 6:19-20?

How does this make you feel and how does it apply to you and your life?

Question #4:

If you listened to the sermon this Sunday you would have heard a story about a mom who tried to help her kids not play with skunks but in her trying to control the situation the skunks ended up spraying all over the place.

The Bible is full of stories of people who tried to control their lives too and ended up creating all kinds of disaster for themselves and others.

God tries, again, and again to show us that living according to what He wants is always the best for us and every time we refuse and try to control our own lives we end up making a big stink.

Read Matthew 28:18-20 and ask yourself if what you read there is His desire for you.

-How do you react to this?

-Do you *really* think this is what God wants for you? (Remember that 'going' can look very different for different people).

-What does God promise to you in this passage?

Invitation and Mission for this week

This week you are being asked to seek Jesus on behalf of your House Church.

- 1. Ensure that you are taking time each day to be with Jesus in devotions and prayer.**
- 2. Take a bit of time to pray that God would tell your friends about His call for them to 'go'. Pray that they would hear His call clearly.**

Pray for each other