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ANNOUNCEMENTS: Leader, please make these available to your group.

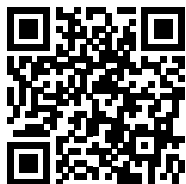
Pilates for Purpose has two more meetings on October 16 and 30th. Minimum donation is \$10 and 100% of proceeds go toward filling the La Gloria Christmas Blessing Bags. [CLICK HERE TO DONATE.](#) Encourage everyone to attend! Sessions begin at 9am in room 118.



Veteran's Celebration Picnic is in need of volunteers!!!! Saturday November 13 from 9-3:30. It's going to be a special time to celebrate our military families for the sacrifice they've made with a free concert and free BBQ. We need 75 volunteers to help! If you can help please [follow this link.](#)



[La Gloria Christmas Blessing Bags](#) campaign is in full swing!!!! \$20 sponsors a bag filled with useful items and toys given to children in need. We'd like to bless 700 children this year with what might be the only Christmas gift they get! If you sponsor online be sure to visit the lobby on Sundays to fill out your postcard that will go into your bag. We have lots more info at the link!



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Week 12 | The Flood: Fact or Fiction?

WHY SHOULD WE CARE IF THERE'S EVIDENCE FOR NOAH'S FLOOD OR NOAH'S ARK?

Unfortunately we live in an increasingly skeptical world and this skepticism is having an impact. The latest research shows that anywhere 50% to 88% of the younger generation raised in the church are gone by the time they're age 18. I would submit that a LOT of this skepticism is the cause of the Body of Christ not teaching a generation HOW to apply their faith in an antagonistic culture. It's no longer possible to pass on a superficial faith to this younger generation and think they'll be able to stand firm in the face of professors who take great joy in destroying faith as well as peers who don't have a clue that there's even another way of looking at the world. Just last week while on ministry my 7 year old grandson called and asked me what I thought about the "Big Bang"! Yes, I said 7! When I was that age the questions were, "Who would win in a fight, Batman or Superman?", or "Which is the best candy, Pop Rocks or the Lemonheads?" He shared that when he told his friend he believed in God that the friend then said, "Oh, so you believe in the flat earth!" Whether you like it or not, the world HAS changed. We have to be able to give an answer for the reason for the hope that is within us. By the way, I think I read that somewhere! We can no longer just give our opinion, we must give solid answers. The word "answer" used in 1 Peter 3:15 literally means a logical, rational explanation for why you believe what you say you believe. So, this week we'll be digging into WHY we believe what we believe as Christians and getting answers to why this generation is walking away from their faith.

Leaders: Take your group through each section: Pray, Reflect, and Reach. Keep in mind the time allowances. In the Reflect section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.



PRAY (10 min)

As a Life group, take time to consider how you might share your faith with a lost person this week and how you might strengthen your own faith by studying apologetics for yourself.

RESEARCH

To reinforce this week's message in a unique way download the Reasons for Hope App and go to the "DeBunked" tab. From there go to "DeBunked Videos" and watch "D6: The All Those Animals Couldn't Fit On The Boat . . . DeBunked!" This expands on the talk that was done on Sunday.



REFLECT (25 min)

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through the lesson this week, consider these questions as a group and discuss them.

1. Has there ever been a time in your life when you have asked yourself, been asked, or been confronted with questions about a global flood? How did you respond? Did you feel like you had biblical or physical evidence to support your position?
2. What four things did Carl talk about that support a global flood. Was this something you had thought about before or researched for yourself? Why is it important to double check evidence?
3. After watching the DeBunked video on the Noah's ark, do you feel more confident that this event was in fact possible? Why or Why No?



WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSE

John 14:3

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.



REACH (5 min)

Consider why does all this matter? Have you experienced a friend or family member leaving or questioning their faith because their questions couldn't be answered? How can you equip yourself this week to stand bold on the Word of God? How were you challenged to share your faith this week?

Next week we will be anxiously waiting to hear about how God filled your life with His

BONUS

If you want to have a better understanding as to why youth are walking away from the church I cannot more HIGHLY RECOMMEND that you read the research from the Fixed Point Foundation.

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