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

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## Week 13 | One Board At A Time | Genesis 6

### GOD DOESN'T NEED NUMBERS HE WANTS HEARTS

To be sure, we are living in challenging times for people of faith. The evidence of this is clear as we consider the fragmenting of mainline denominations, and the current splintering of churches as it relates to social issues. It may come as no surprise that earlier this year U.S. church membership fell below 50% for the first time in the history of our nation. At the same time, since the turn of the century, there's been a 21% increase in the percentage of people who claim no religious preference, spiking dramatically over the past 3 years. This data underscores the spiritual turmoil that our nation is undergoing. A turmoil that can impact us on a very personal level. How do you maintain your faith during difficult times such as these? Thankfully, Noah's life gives us some solid guidance on the matter.

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 God has been faithful to strengthen you during challenging seasons of your life.



#### 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. God gave Noah directions, he followed them. Despite the vastness of the work, and construction details that were not filled in, Noah started the project selecting and fitting that very first piece of gopher wood. Building for God always starts with a simple step.

**What has God been directing you to build (ministry, marriage, family, career). Describe the steps of faith you have taken and maybe the ones you should be taking but haven't.**

**FAITH IS TAKING THE FIRST STEP EVEN WHEN YOU DON'T SEE THE WHOLE STAIRCASE.  
- MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**

2. While we may think our current era is hard to live in, Noah lived during the hardest period in world history. Wickedness had corrupted human hearts to the extent that God chose to start over. Noah persevered through the 75 years of difficult times and remained obedient to God.

**What difficulty in your life is God calling you to persevere through? How are you doing that?**

**FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD RUN TO AND FRO THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE EARTH, TO SHOW HIMSELF STRONG ON BEHALF OF THOSE WHOSE HEART IS LOYAL TO HIM...**

**2 CHRONICLES 16:9**

3. Pastor Derek mentioned several practical steps to take when you're struggling.

**Which step do you need to acknowledge and implement the most in your life? How can you begin making that step real in your life?**



## **WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSE**

**3 John 1:4**

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.



## **REACH** (5 min)

Considering what God revealed to you this week, identify an area of your life where you are experiencing trial and uncertainty and ask God for His will and direction; then take steps to strengthen yourself by being obedient to God and walking by faith.

**Next week we will be anxiously waiting to hear about how applying your faith to difficult circumstances changed things for you this week!**