

Graystone Small Groups
Discussion Guide
Week of 3.3.13
Family Wars (part 1) - Fight for Your Family

Idea for the Week

Noah was willing to build the ark to save his family. What are you willing to do to save yours?

Intro Questions

1. When you were growing up did you have any siblings? How well did you get along with them? Best friends or constantly fighting?
2. What is the worst thing that you did to your brother or sister? Or maybe, what is the worst thing they did to you?

Review Questions

3. Which TV family would you say yours is most like?
4. Knowing God determines which family you are going to be born into, have you ever been a little frustrated with him about that?
5. In all reality, do you think its possible to live in a family that is completely void of conflict?

Read Hebrews 11:7

6. According to this verse, why did Noah build his ark? *To save his family*
7. Before Noah built the ark, there had never been any rain... So he built the ark for over 100 years in his front yard! Who did he have to place his faith in to save his family?
God
8. How do you think Noah looked to his neighbors?
9. Do you think that sometimes we have to look a little crazy and trust in God to save or protect our family?
10. What are some things that we might do to protect or save our family that might make us seem a little crazy to those around us? *Not allowing kids to go certain places or watch certain things, setting up boundaries for your marriage regarding interaction with the opposite sex, being the strictest parents on the ball team, etc.*
11. If Noah built the ark for 120 years, how long do you think we should fight for our families?

Application Questions

12. So, considering the story of Noah, what can we learn from him about steps we can take to fight for our families? *Let them throw out whatever answers seem relevant, but ultimately try to arrive at these three answers: Trust God, Be willing to look foolish, Don't give up*

This is a great time to stop and pray for your group and with your group...

13. Is anyone struggling in their family? Are you willing to share that you are struggling in your marriage or that you are struggling with a child that doesn't seem to be making good decisions?

Based on what is shared, take some time as a group to pray for the needs that were expressed.