



# GOSPEL COMMUNITIES

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- 1. Review Gospel Appointment documents and distribute people to follow-up with from planning center.***
- 2. Volunteering** — You can make a difference in the lives of others by sharing your gifts and talents here at Soma. Each week volunteers minister to others with the love and hope of Jesus Christ. Whatever your interests are, there is a place for you to serve with Soma's Volunteer Ministries.
  - SomaKids
  - Setup and Teardown
  - WhizKids
  - First Impressions
  - Audio/ Visual
  - Music
- 3. Planning Center Online** — As Jake transitions out of his ministry position and we look towards the future we are going to be deleting the "Sunday Morning Volunteers" GroupMe. PLEASE setup your Planning Center account ASAP so we can best communicate with and honor you as our volunteers. Go to [planningcenteronline.com](http://planningcenteronline.com), connect to our church, and sign up for text alerts.
- 4. VBS** - Soma's Vacation Bible School is coming! For the week of June 9th - 15th, we will transform our church to run "The Incredible Race," where we will be exploring how we are all one people born of one man, Adam, in need of rescue by the one new man, Jesus Christ. This week will be a fun-filled time of learning and growing together. It is a great opportunity to get to know Soma if you're new to the church — and a great opportunity to reach out to the community with the love of Christ, if you are already plugged in.

***VBS volunteer meeting will be May 15th at 6:00p - 8:30p***

# QUESTIONS

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***“Noah did everything just as God commanded him”***

- Genesis 6:22

There are two major messages from Noah’s story-

1. God will and must judge sin. He will always bring judgement, always with a warning first.
2. If the sinful repent once being warned of coming judgement, God will forgive them.

Noah was already living a Godly life before God let him know of his plan to destroy the world. It was only because of his steadfast faith that he was chosen along with his family to not only to build a symbol of salvation, but to survive the coming judgment and re-start the world. The job came with some very specific instructions and a message to the community around Noah that the world was not in favor with God and it would be destroyed if there was no repentance. Much like the church today, Noah probably became public enemy #1 for such a message. We can only imagine the ridicule laid on Noah and his family from their neighbors, the pressure put on his children for even humoring their dad for such a crazy idea of building an outrageous boat with no place to float. In each of our lives we face the pressure from the world to conform to a secular acceptance of what feels good. We make decisions every day of standing with God or going with the flow of mankind. Take a good look at the Noah story for lessons in perseverance of faith.

**Read Genesis 6:8-9:17**

1. Question: Why do you think God found it necessary to spend 120 years on a project in order to erase the sinful existence of the world?

[God wanted to give the world time to repent]

[Perhaps God was testing the strength of Noah’s faith]

[The world needed to see that Noah’s beliefs and faith were real]

**Point to make-** Noah was tested much the same as Job was to remain strong in the Lord, stay focused on the job and faithful to the end.

2. Question: How do you react when you are ridiculed, mocked or laughed at for something you believe in?

[Perhaps calmly stand firm in your belief]

[Perhaps succumb to the peer pressure and laugh it off as a joke]

3. Question: What was the last task/test you went thru that required a great length of time? Did you see it through with God's Grace? Or seek alternate resources to help you cope?

**Point to make-** A Rainbow is a showing of how something bad, perhaps very destructive can have a beautiful outcome.

*This is not to be answered in group, but one to consider as you leave for the night.*

4. Question: How willing are you or how committed are you to living your life for God all the days you are alive?

The point of Noah's story-

- The continued sinful life of the world brings pain to God and judgement to man that can only be avoided by God's Grace.
  - *He warns us of his coming action*
  - *He waits for our repentance*
  - *He acts to correct the course of mankind.*

Genesis 15:16 in the KJV reminds us that Gods judgment will come when Gods iniquity is full, or- when he has had enough!

The coming of the Son of Man is like the story of the ark.

(Ask someone to read Matthew 24:37-39 & 44)

Jesus Christ **IS** the ark.