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Faith and the Flood
Genesis 6:1- 12

Dallas helps us to see that this ancient story is not just a story about animals and an ark but a story of faith. When God views the earth in its newly created state in Genesis 1 it is all “good.” But when it is viewed again in Genesis 6 by God it is all “bad.” What a mess people have made of a world intended to be good. This story is really a declaration of how God continues to work in grace with His creation and how He connects with a man of faith to aid him. Noah finds “favor” in the eyes of God. He brings hope to the story, a point of light to the bleak situation as he lives out his own faith life.

The point of the story and of this message:

People of hope, light, and faith are expected to do more than just exist in the midst of bleak situations. They are expected to make a difference. Four times in the story the writer of Genesis identifies the fact that “Noah obeyed God.”

To us as believers, and as Villagers, the message is that we are the hope of the world, the light as that hope. It is important, a must, that we step further in our faith to reach Washington County and the rest of the world for Christ. One step in this vision of faith is the building we are seeking to build. It is just one step in our message of hope to the world. He is asking us to be a part of the “greater things” He has in store for the world.

Application Discussion:

1. What was made clearer to you through the message of the weekend?
2. Noah had very little understanding of God in the sense of written material about God (i.e. a Bible), yet he is said to be righteous, blameless, and walking with God. What lesson(s) can we learn from this about the way God works with people?
3. How do you think you would have responded to God about the notions of rain, flood, and an ark if God mentioned them to you?
4. What do you believe you could do to emulate Noah’s life style of obedience?
5. How does this story help you with what have been doing as a church to impact the world?