

The Life Challenge

I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." John 10:10

Series: Living by Faith

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WARM - UP

How long did the Ark take Noah and his family to build? Does Gen 6:3 give the timeline or does Gen 6:3 talk about the average lifespan of man being decreased post-flood? Can we use the chronology of Noah's sons to determine it at about 55-75 years (Gen 5:32; Gen 11:10; Gen 7:13; Gen 7:13, Gen 6:18 [each one old enough to get married])? Other solution?

What did Noah's Ark look like? Was the 2014 movie with Russel Crowe a more accurate picture of the Ark with full logs and a rawer look, does the Kentucky replica give an accurate picture, or did it look like something else?

DISCUSSION

Looking at Noah's story and the 50-100+ years building the Ark, what do you think Noah went through? What would have been his thoughts? What would he have heard from his family? What highs and lows would he have faced?

DISCUSSION

Mike and Kim shared their story of stepping out in faith in their neighborhood. They were nudged by the Spirit and leaned into that call. What unique ways could God be nudging you to do as a Life Group or an individual? Or what are you being faithful to do?

APPLICATION

LIFEGROUP EXERCISE:

Take about 10-15 minutes as a group to brainstorm a list of all the resources available to you as a group. Could be monetary, organizational ties, skills, tools, pools/playgrounds, relationships, vocational abilities, etc... Spend some time praying just being quiet before God and asking Him (set a 5 minute timer if that helps). Then spend some time talking about how your group could bless those around you and who God is placing on your heart? In faith, take a Saturday or Sunday after church or even a lifegroup night to follow the nudge you experience and serve together.

Let's dream together: What would South Abbotsford Church and Abbotsford look like if say 60% of our church committed to weekly prayer walks in their neighbourhoods, and daily praying for neighbours by name, people in their workplace/school, and recreational activities. If they prayed for opportunities to radically love and share the hope they have, and then courageously follow the prompts in a Noah live by faith type of way? What about 80% of our church? 100%?