

Further Study – April 18, 2021

Read: Hebrews 11:7 and Genesis 6:5-22

If you heard the sermon this week, was there any part of the message or scripture passage that was particularly important or meaningful to you? If so, what?

Understanding Questions:

- What does the writer of Hebrews have to say in praise of Noah? Why is Noah lifted up as an exemplar of faith?
- Why does God decide to flood the earth? What is the state of humanity at this point? (see verse 6:5)
- What does God tell Noah to do? What promise does God make Noah as this command is being given?

Application Questions:

- God is described as deeply grieved as God looks upon the wickedness of the world during the time of Noah. How would you include sorrow and grief in your understanding of God? What do you think God is grieved by today?
- How does the story of Noah align with what we read in the book of Hebrews last week and the definition of faith as “the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen?” Have you witnessed or participated in acts that seemed to require a leap of faith? What were they and how did that experience feel? What happened?
- In this story, God is also determined to rescue the creatures (and edible vegetation) of the world. Has there been an animal in your past or present that you have loved, a beloved pet perhaps? What made this animal special to you?