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1. Announcements

- a. **Married Couples Retreat** - It is official, the Rock Marriage Retreat is coming!
 - **Who:** Married Couples
 - **Where:** La Quinta Resort in Palm Desert
 - **When:** July 9-11
 - **Cost** - \$250 Per Couple
 - **Register Today online!!!**
 - <http://www.therocksandiego.org/marriageretreat>
- b. **Small Group Training this Sunday!** If you would like to open your home or learn what it takes to lead a Small Group, plan to join us this Sunday, 11 AM in Student Services Room 1401. For more information or to sign up, contact melissak@therocksandiego.org or ext. 242.
- c. **The Tijuana House Building Ministry** will be going down to build houses soon. If you have questions, or would like to sign up, contact edward_crenshaw@sbcglobal.net or 858.571.3427.
- d. **The Women of the Rock** will be hosting "*More Than a Tea*" on Saturday, May 1 from 12 – 3 PM at San Diego First Assembly. Dana Sturgeon will be our guest speaker, with live jazz and music from the College Avenue Gospel Choir. Tickets are \$14.75, hostesses receive their ticket free! To purchase tickets, host a table, or for more information, contact Roxi@san.rr.com or 858.279.7886 or 858.531.4297. Men, if you're feeling left out, come join us! Let us know if you want to be there by contacting JohnL@therocksandiego.org or ext 235.
- e. **How committed are you?** If the Rock is your home church, plan to attend the Commitment 200 classes starting May 23. This ten-week class is *not* Rock Basic Training, but will explore the key beliefs of the Rock. If you consider yourself a member of the Rock, you must attend this class! Classes will be at 9:30 AM and 5:30 PM. Sign up with octaviaj@therocksandiego.org or ext 239.

2. Memory Verse

Genesis 9:1, "So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth."

3. Discussion Questions

- 1) Considering Noah (**Ezek 14:14, 20**), it is interesting that as far as his preaching career he didn't have much success-- he "preached" for 120 years (see **2 Peter 2:5**) - -and how many converts? How many came forward? How many raised their hands? Discuss the fact that God does not call us to be successful, He calls us to be faithful and faithful Noah was!
- 2) Why do you think God would send a flood at Noah's time, and not at other times?
- 3) The case is strong that the flood during the days of Noah covered the whole world: (1) It destroyed all life under the heavens (**Genesis 6:17**). (2) The waters rose at least 20 feet above all the high mountains (**Genesis 7:19-20**). (3) The flood lasted 371 days, indicating more than just local flooding. (4) How would the final fire judgment of the whole earth (**2 Peter 3:3-7**) compare to Noah's flood?



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- 4) Moses makes it clear as to the date that the ark rested on Ararat – it was the seventeenth day of the seventh month. The casual reader would go on but the diligent student of the Word may want to dig in here. What's to discover? What if you were told that the very day the ark rested on Ararat is the same day thousands of years later that a stone was rolled away from a tomb and our risen Lord came forth! That's right the ark rested on what was to be Easter! Do you see the symbolism here ... both of these events represent new beginnings. Discuss the parallels between these two new beginnings.
- 5) "Never forget in the dark what God has shown you in the light." Noah, like many men of faith, may determine too soon that God has forgotten them especially when their ordeal seems more gruesome than expected. God however, remembers those who remember Him and His promises. Men can rest assured in God's covenants. In this case He has left us with a sign of his covenant the "Rainbow" (**Genesis 9:13**). What promises has God given you today that you may have forgotten? What can you do to continually remember them?
- 6) Define the word covenant. Why did God choose to re-establish His relationship with Noah and his family through a covenant (**Genesis 9:8-17**)? What is the difference between this covenant with Noah and the original relationship with Adam and Eve (**Genesis 2**)? How has sin affected both the Adam and Eve covenant, as well as the Noah covenant?
- 7) The Bible has at least four covenants between God and Man: The Abrahamic covenant, The Priestly covenant, The Davidic covenant and The New covenant. In these covenants, what sign of blood was there in each? (See Chapter 9 Study Guide - Prophecies of Christ)