

MODERN family

TRUSTING GOD IS MESSY

September 6, 2015

Open in prayer.

Introduction

- Because a group of people trusted God over five years ago to begin Transformation Church:
 - Over 3000 people have come to faith.
 - We've celebrated over 1000 baptisms.
 - Over 3000 people call themselves Transformers.

Why did God wipe out the human race?

Because God is love, He must pour out His wrath on sin.

Read and discuss Genesis 6:9-14.

- God takes your sins and gives you His righteousness.
- God places Jesus' righteousness on you. When you embrace that, you see yourself as righteous.
 - o Describe how this effects the way you live an upward, inward, outward life.
 - o How does this move you from judging people to loving people?

Why did God save Noah and his family?

Because Noah faithfully walked with God.

Read and discuss Hebrews 11:7 and Genesis 6:22.

- Noah moved from trusting what he could see to trusting God.
 - o What does it mean to trust God more than what you see? (Retirement, education, birthright, job, position in life) (Hebrews 11:1)
- Read and discuss the first Value of Transformation Church, A high and lofty view of God.
 - We are committed, through the Spirit's enabling power, to teach a high and lofty view of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. All our actions, teaching, prayer, mission, and spiritual transformation will be driven by our view of God.
- Discuss the following statements:
 - Trust God's promises, not your plans.
 - It's better to be hated by your friends than to ignore the voice of God.
- **How do you trust God in messy circumstances?**
 - o What is your messy circumstance? (Unemployed, health, difficult relationships)

1. Listen to the voice of God. (Prayer and Bible reading)

What voices are distracting you?

What do your prayers sound like? (Like the American dream? Give me, give me.)

The more you worship God the more you're transformed into His image. (Upward)

Prayer is about becoming the person God intends you to be.

Read and discuss James 1:22. (Be a doer of the Word, not just a hearer.)

2. Surround yourself with people that move you towards God (Genesis 7:1a).

Who are the five closest people around you? (Are they moving you towards God?)

How does a TC Group help you move towards God? (Upward, Inward, Outward)

3. Join God in His mission. (Genesis 7:13-15)

In the midst of difficult circumstances trust God and join Him on His mission.

Discuss the statement, "The Bible doesn't say follow your dreams...it says follow Jesus".

Does your life reflect, "your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven"?

The greater you're willing to be hurt, the greater His love will flow in and through you.

4. Trust God more than your circumstances. (Genesis 7:24, Genesis 8:1)

Imagine Noah and his family on the ark for 150 days.

What circumstance are you facing that seems like 150 days on the ark...or more?

Have you idolized certain things in your life?

Read Genesis 8:1 and say, "But God remembered...put your name there".

Pray for the folks in your group to trust God in the midst of their challenges.

Jesus is the greater Noah and the true Ark that saves God's family. (Romans 5:15)

- o You can't trust in God if you're not in a relationship with Him.
- o How do you live in relationship with God?
- o Share a situation in your life where God has saved you.
- o God wants to turn your mess into His masterpiece. Do you believe it?

Soul-tattoo: Trust God with every detail of your life.

This is called worship. (Genesis 8:20)

Close in prayer.