

I'm Building An Ark For My Family

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Genesis 6:14-22

FOR THE LEADER

These questions help you run the conversation. They are not your study. Get into the passage yourself first, because your group needs what God taught you, not just a list of questions. These also lean on Sunday's message, so a few will not land for anyone who missed it. Watch it before you lead.

WHAT THE MESSAGE WAS ABOUT

When Noah built the ark, his whole household came aboard with him. One person's faithfulness set the direction for everyone downstream. That is where Pastor Matt opened the Passing the Baton series. He pressed hard on the difference between intentions and actions: your intentions do not move your family, your actions do. People who complain that they cannot get their family to do something are often describing the culture their own living has created. Even the building material carries the point. God specified cypress wood, hard and flexible at once. A home is built with whatever material you choose.

To get started

- What is a habit in your household that nobody decided on, it just happened?

Looking back at the message

The 'I can't get my family to' line will land on someone. Be gentle with it.

- 1 Your intentions do not move your family. Your actions do. How does that sentence sit with you?
- 2 People who complain that they cannot get their family to do something are often describing the culture their own living created. Is that fair, or too harsh?
- 3 Pastor Matt spent time on the ark's cypress wood being both hard and flexible. What did the building material add to the point about households? OPTIONAL

Looking at the passage

Read Genesis 6:13-22 aloud. Verse 22 is one sentence and does a lot.

- 4 Read Genesis 6:14-18. What is Noah told to build, and who does God include in the promise?
- 5 Read verse 22. It summarizes Noah's whole response in one sentence. How is it phrased?
- 6 God specifies the exact material for the ark. Why do you think that detail made it into the text?
- 7 Noah's household came aboard because of him. What does that tell you about how influence actually works? OPTIONAL

Bringing it home

Not everyone here has children. Household is broader than that.

- 8 What culture is being created in your home right now by how you actually live, not by what you intend?
- 9 If you had to name what your household is built with, what would you honestly say?
- 10 What is one thing you would want your family to someday say was just normal in your house?
- 11 What are you asking of the people around you that you are not doing yourself? OPTIONAL

The group together

Noah's faithfulness was noticed against his generation. Keep that comparison out of the room.

- 12 How can a group help each other build a household culture rather than only talk about it?
- 13 Who in your extended family or circle is downstream of you, whether you meant it or not?
- 14 What is one thing this group could commit to that would take a full year to show results?

BEFORE YOU FINISH

What could you start doing yourself this week that you have been hoping someone else would start?

You might pray about

- For households being shaped by drift rather than decision
- For those trying to lead a family that is not following yet
- For the courage to change ourselves first
- For what we are building with