



ELDERS DISCIPLESHIP NOTES VISION

Elders Discipleship Group 12

Purpose of the Elders Discipleship Group: To Train and Equip Discipleship Group leaders to lead more effectively.

Key Theme: Vision

Key Truth: Noah's reverence for God came from what God showed Him in the unseen.

Read: Is God speaking to us about things not yet seen?

God warned Noah about things that were not yet seen by man and because of this Noah built and prepared an ark for the salvation of his household.

Hebrews 11:7 *By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.*

By faith Noah.....In other words by the assurance of what he hoped for and the evidence or conviction of unseen things, Noah built an ark for the salvation of his household. God was about to flood the earth and destroy mankind and it was Noah's faith that had him, in reverence for what God had shown him, prepare this ark, this boat that would save him and his family.

What is our reverence for God in? Isaiah 29:13 says that the Israelites reverence for God was in tradition learned by rote. In other words your reverence for me comes from religious practises, sacrifices, ceremonies, traditions, rituals, going through the motions, fleshly works etc, and this reality isn't preparing us for anything. This is what building in vain or futility looks like. None of this brings vision, the ability to see what's in the unseen seen realm.

Jesus is our modern day Ark and He is building us into modern day arks, houses who stand tall and firm in the trials and tribulations of the world, the flesh and the adversary. He is the one who has saved us, is saving us and will save us. Salvation is the process of getting our spirit, soul and body completely saved.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 *Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

The role of the Holy Spirit is to reveal, in and to us, all the things that God has already prepared for us in the unseen but seen realm - 1 Corinthians 2:9-10.

By faith we receive all these promises, so in turn we let Jesus Christ build us into these modern day arks, houses, that are able to model and demonstrate ark like characteristics and strength. Our lives become signposts to all those who need saving and our lives point people to Him.

Questions:

1. Noah built an ark because of His faith and what God showed him in the unseen realm. Why was this fundamentally essential for God, Noah, his family and mankind?
2. What is our reverence for God found in?
3. What are some consequences for us of not being able to see in the unseen?



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4. Are you able to describe certain unseen promises that have become your seen reality now?
5. What impact is the unseen seen realm to have on our very lives now?