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**Sermon Discussion Guide**  
**Services from November 6, 2011**



## Objective

To examine the life of Noah and discuss the role of character, calling, and obedience in the life of a follower of Christ.

## Connect

Let's each share our name and the largest boat you have ever seen.

## Study

This weekend our message focused on Genesis 6:1-22. **What stood out the most to you from this weekend's message? What questions did the message or this passage raise?**

### Read Genesis 6:1-7.

This weekend's message shared the 3 major options in determining who are the "sons of God" mentioned here as well as the Nephilim.

**Regardless of who they were, what was the result in the culture and what was the response of God?**

### Read Genesis 4:8-9.

**Our pastor made the statement this weekend that godly character is built by God not man. Do you agree or disagree?**

**UCLA coach John Wooden said, "Be more concerned about your character than with your reputation. Your character is what you really are while your reputation is merely what others think you are."**

**In what ways is character our responsibility? In what ways can godly character only come from God? Based on Noah's example, how does God build character within us?**

**Let's put ourselves in Noah's shoes. If God were to tell you to build an ark in the context of Genesis 6, how would you have responded?**

*When God calls us to something often times our initial response is "why" or "what", isn't it? **Why do you want me to do that? What exactly do you want me to do and what will it cost me? Do you think Noah had those questions?***

## Apply

**This chapter closes with a simple statement about Noah and a summation of his character and calling. "Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him."**

**How does obeying God today bring protection tomorrow? When we obey God what does it protect us from in our lives? Any willing to share a personal experience that supports this truth?**

**Read Matthew 24:36-39. Noah and the ark point to Christ and the cross. Have you ever considered this truth? In what ways do we see Noah and the ark as a picture of salvation?**

**Next Week...** we will continue in examining the life of Noah and survey Gen. 7-8.

## Pray

**Joys & Challenges...** *What joys & challenges are you facing this week?*

**Church Family...** Pray for all of our Family Groups at both campuses, that God would reveal Himself in new ways to every person in a group.

**Beyond Family...** Pray for those in our neighborhoods who have not experienced the life-giving love of God. Pray that we might be bold in showing the love of God so that we might share the God of love with them.