

Bible Study Handout

Genesis 7:1–6 – “Two by Two... and Then Some”

Opening Thought: We always hear the animals went in “two by two,” but God also told Noah to take seven of the clean animals. Why? God wasn't just preparing Noah to survive—He was preparing him to worship.

Point 1 – Clean and Unclean: God Makes a Distinction

This is the first time in Scripture we see clean and unclean. Even before the Law, God set some things apart for a higher purpose. Not everything in your life carries the same weight—some things are sacred.

Punchy Statement: Everything in your life is not for everything—some things are sacred.

Reflection Question: Where is God drawing distinctions in your life right now?

Practical Step: Take inventory this week. Dedicate one piece of time, one resource, or one gift solely to God.

Point 2 – God Adds More for a Reason

Seven pairs meant more responsibility—more food, more space, more noise. It felt like a burden, but later Noah used the extra for worship. God's extras are often inconvenient now but overflow later. Analogy: Like packing an extra bag for a trip—it feels heavy now, but later you're grateful you brought it.

Punchy Statement: What feels like overload now will be overflow later.

Reflection Question: Have you ever realized what felt like a burden was God preparing you for worship?

Practical Step: Journal one area of “extra” in your life. Pray about how it might be used for God's glory.

Point 3 – Obedience in Detail

Noah did all that God commanded—not some, not most, but all. Partial obedience is disobedience. Full obedience positions us for blessing on the other side of the storm.

Punchy Statement: Delayed obedience is disobedience. Partial obedience is disobedience. Only full obedience honors God.

Reflection Question: Is there a detail of God's Word you've been ignoring or excusing?

Practical Step: Choose one specific area of God's Word this week and obey it fully—whether forgiveness, prayer, or generosity.

Summary Applications

1. Recognize the extras God has placed in your ark. Ask: Lord, what do You want me to do with this?

2. Don't confuse preservation with participation. Some things are to be carried; others are to be offered back in worship.
3. Trust God's additions. The "extra" may not make sense now, but God is positioning you for the altar after the flood.

Punchy Statement: The flood is temporary, but the altar is permanent.

Closing Challenge: The two by two got Noah through the flood, but the seven made it possible for him to worship. Survival is good—but God is always aiming at worship.