

in all things

PRE-GATHERING BIBLE STUDY #2

GOD CLEANSSES AND BRINGS NEW LIFE IN THE STORY OF ALL THINGS

GOALS:

1. This study will show participants how God uses water to cleanse and to bring new life repeatedly in the Bible. (We are calling these big ideas that repeat “Biblical Themes.”)
2. Through reading and re-reading the Scriptures, this study will help participants see God’s desire to work through water to cleanse and bring new life to them and all things.

LESSON

What stories in the Bible do you think of when you imagine water?

Read **Genesis 6:5-8**.

1. What do these verses reveal about humanity?
2. What do these verses reveal about God’s character?

Read **Genesis 7:17-8:1**.

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2. What do these verses reveal about God’s character?
3. Why is it significant that God remembers Noah?

Read **1 Peter 3:18-22**.

1. How is this passage connected to the story of Noah and the Flood?
2. How is the story of the Flood your story?

Let’s take what we just learned about and put it into practice! As you read these stories of water, draw a water droplet in your Bible to remind you of how God is working through water.



When reading one of these stories of water in the Bible, answer these questions:

God provides water at Marah – Exodus 15:22-27

Jesus and the woman at the well – John 4 Jesus

heals a blind man – John 9

Jesus washes the disciples' feet – John 13

1. How do you see water in this story?
2. What is God doing with the water?
3. How is God's character revealed through His actions?

CALL TO ACTION

1. Between now and the next Pre-Gathering Bible Study you do, read the story of the Exodus in Exodus 14:1-31 at least twice. While you're reading, think about the questions you used during the study:
 - a. How do you see water in this story?
 - b. What is God doing with the water?
 - c. How is God's character revealed through His actions?
2. Find someone else in your church (that is older than you!) and read this Bible story together. Then answer the questions above together.
3. Together with your youth group, take care of a plant between now and when you leave for the Gathering! Notice how water helps it to grow and create new life.