

# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

We Are the Church - Week 2



## CONNECT

Spend some time checking in. What are highs and lows since you last met? How can your group members pray for and support each other this week?

## GROW

- When have you needed something to be realigned in your life? Do you have a practice of seeking regular realignment?
- Read the story of Noah (back). Did you know that part of the story before?
- When have you received a second chance on something? What's that experience like? When have you been the one offering a second chance?
- What would it look like to truly welcome all people within the church? What would need to be realigned? How could we *exercise* regular realignment?

## PRAY

God of grace, through love and compassion, you taught us how to be the church. Show us how to lead all people to faith in you, that all may know your love, your light and your peace. Amen.



## **BIBLE READINGS**

### **GENESIS 6:9-10; 17-22**

9 This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God. 10 Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth.

17 I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. 18 But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. 19 You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. 20 Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. 21 You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them." 22 Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

### **GENESIS 9:18-23**

8 The sons of Noah who came out of the ark were Shem, Ham and Japheth. (Ham was the father of Canaan.) 19 These were the three sons of Noah, and from them came the people who were scattered over the whole earth. 20 Noah, a man of the soil, proceeded[a] to plant a vineyard. 21 When he drank some of its wine, he became drunk and lay uncovered inside his tent. 22 Ham, the father of Canaan, saw his father naked and told his two brothers outside. 23 But Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it across their shoulders; then they walked in backward and covered their father's naked body. Their faces were turned the other way so that they would not see their father naked.

### **ROMANS 8:31, 35-38**

31 What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36 As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,

