

Confirmation Instruction – September 16, 2018 – Call of Abraham

Welcome

- Prayer
- Questions from last week?

Review (*Hint: See Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17*)

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| <p>___ This word means “beginning”</p> <p>___ Why God sent a flood in response to evil</p> <p>___ Noah’s sons</p> <p>___ What God told Noah to build</p> <p>___ # of each kind of animal on the ark</p> <p>___ How long the rain fell</p> <p>___ Birds Noah sent out of the ark</p> <p>___ God’s promise to all living creatures</p> <p>___ Sign of God’s covenant with Noah et al.</p> <p>___ What Noah did after leaving the ark</p> | <p>A. Shem, Ham, and Japheth</p> <p>B. Never again will a flood destroy the earth</p> <p>C. Genesis</p> <p>D. 40 days and 40 nights</p> <p>E. Raven and dove</p> <p>F. A bow in the clouds (the rainbow)</p> <p>G. An ark (a boat)</p> <p>H. Built an altar to the Lord</p> <p>I. 2 (for clean animals, 7 pairs[14])</p> <p>J. To make a new start, a re-creation of earth</p> |
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Law and Gospel in Today’s Readings

	Law (What is the problem? What are we supposed to be doing?)	Gospel (What is God doing for us?)
Genesis 12:1-9		
Matthew 20:16-20		

Small Groups

- Meet the other people in your group
- Share highs and lows
- Discussion questions
 - The main point for today: “Trusting in God’s promises allows us to be a blessing to others.” How was this true for Noah? How is this true for us?
 - What are some of the challenges in living this out? For Noah? For us?
 - When has God blessed you through someone else?
 - When have others been blessed by what you have said or done?
 - Read “How to Bless Someone,” *The Lutheran Handbook*, pp. 116-117. Steps 1-4 offer suggestions for a direct blessing. The first point under “Be Aware” offers suggestions for indirect blessings. How might you bless someone this week?
- Closing
 - Closing prayer may include this prayer for each person: “Bless (*Name*) and make (*Name*) a blessing. Amen.”

At Home This Week

- See “The Story @ Home” handout for daily Bible readings.