

## Origins Sermon Series

It's easy to rush through life without pausing to understand our meaning and purpose. But to have a life worth living requires answering the Big Questions: Who are we? Why are we here? Where are we going? The universe, life, order, meaning, gender, marriage, languages... everything we experience today started somewhere. In this series, we'll examine the beginning of human history and the Bible's answers to some of life's biggest questions.

### **Week Nine (3/14/21):** A New Beginning

**Text:** Genesis 9

What do you do when you see the brokenness of the World around? And even the brokenness in your own life and relationships? We can trust God to pave a different and better way for us when we walk with Him, trusting His guidance and direction.

#### **Sermon Outline:**

Big idea: New life is offered through our promise-keeping God.

1. God deeply values life.
2. God deeply values trust.

#### **Possible Application Questions:**

- What evidence do you see of brokenness of the world around you?
- After the flood, God made life-affirming promises to Noah. Why might it be difficult to trust God to keep His promises? (For Noah, and for you.)
- God designed the family to be characterized by relationships of love, respect, and honor. Why is it often difficult to keep these central relationships healthy? What is a way you could help make your home and family stronger?
- COVID has been a storm in our lives that we will emerge from someday soon. How do you want your life to look in this new beginning?
  - Ask God for one tangible way for you to emerge worshiping and serving Him.
  - Ask God for one tangible way to mend strained or broken relationships in your family.

#### **Memory Verse:**

*"Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds,  
I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant  
between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth."*

Genesis 9:16