



STUDY QUESTIONS FOR **NOVEMBER 9**

Series: *Where We All Began*

Shame Begins (Genesis 9:18-29)

Icebreakers!

1. When have you saved someone from an embarrassing moment? Or when were you saved from one?
2. How much different of an attitude do you have towards people who have embarrassed you versus people who have spared you from embarrassment? Why?

Digging Deeper

3. **Study Genesis 9:18-29 on the back of this page.** Summarize the story. What details stand out? What effects does this episode have on the rest of humanity?
4. **Review Genesis 3:7-21.** Where do nakedness and shame, blessing and cursing, and clothing/covering come up in Genesis 3 and Genesis 9?
5. **Read Proverbs 20:1 and Ephesians 5:18.** What dangers come with drinking wine or strong drink? Why does Paul make a contrast with being filled with the Spirit?
6. **Read Deuteronomy 27:16 and Habakkuk 2:15-16.** How do these passages demonstrate the sinfulness of what Ham did to his father?
7. **Read Psalm 32:1-5.** How can David celebrate that his sin is covered (verse 1), then say he did *not* cover up his iniquity (verse 5)? What separates *covering sin* from a *cover-up*?
8. **Read James 5:19-20 and 1 Peter 4:7-8.** What does it mean to “cover a multitude of sins”?¹ What attitudes and actions do James and Peter call us to for such a task?
9. **Read Matthew 25:37-40.** In addition to clothing the naked, how else ought we love “the least of these my brothers”? What if we don’t? What’s the result (verse 46)?
10. What did you hear in the message this Sunday that stood out to you? Is there anything you would emphasize, add, or change?

Application

11. How has God covered our sin? What’s important about this to being saved and being made right with God?
12. How must we reflect this Gospel good-news by showing others how their sins can be covered by Jesus’ sacrifice? How do we live it out with one another?

¹ see also Proverbs 11:13 and 17:9!

GENESIS 9:18-29

The sons of Noah who went forth from the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. (Ham was the father of Canaan.) These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the people of the whole earth were dispersed.

Noah began to be a man of the soil, and he planted a vineyard. He drank of the wine and became drunk and lay uncovered in his tent.

And Ham, the father of Canaan,
saw the nakedness of his father
and told his two brothers outside.

Then Shem and Japheth took a garment,
laid it on both their shoulders,
and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father.
Their faces were turned backward,
and they did not see their father's nakedness.

When Noah awoke from his wine
and knew what his youngest son had done to him,
he said,

“Cursed be Canaan;
a servant of servants shall he be to his brothers.”

He also said,

“Blessed be the LORD, the God of Shem;
and let Canaan be his servant.

May God enlarge Japheth,
and let him dwell in the tents of Shem,
and let Canaan be his servant.”

After the flood Noah lived 350 years.
All the days of Noah were 950 years, and he died.