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MARCH 5: CORRUPTION & GRIEF

GENESIS 6:1-8

- 1. What conclusion about the nature of mankind can you draw from "in the likeness of God" (v.1) and "in his own image" (v.3)? See also Romans 5:12, 18-19.
- 2. God warned Adam that eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil would result in death (Gen. 2:16-17). What related word or phrase is repeated in Genesis 5? What do the following verses say about death? John 3:6-8, John 8:24, Romans 5:14, Romans 6:23
- 3. In the long list of Adam's genealogy, what two men stand out and why?
- 4. **Read Genesis 6:5-6.** What do these verses tell you about God? What was God's reaction to the depravity of mankind? What changed God's plan to 'blot out' all He had created?
- 5. God grieved over His people throughout the Old Testament, read II Chronicles 21:7, Despite grief, God preserved His people. How and why did He do this? What does this tell you about God's love for every[one]?
- 6. Consider today's society, how does it compare to Noah's day? List some contemporary practices that grieve God.
- 7. What about Noah's life was seen favorable in God's eyes? How can you be seen favorable in God's eyes?

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MARCH 12: PUNISHMENT & SALVATION

GENESIS 6:9-22; 7:1-24

- 1. Noah had faith in God. How did God show him mercy, and what promise did God give to Noah?
- 2. How has God shown you mercy? What promises of God do you put your trust and faith in?
- 3. Identify God's mercy in the conversation He had with Noah (6:11-7:5).
- 4. God rescued Noah by giving him step by step instruction on building the ark. How are you practicing Noah's trust in God? What pattern of the world around you is God helping you to overcome today?
- 5. How is the ark a 'type' or illustration of Jesus Christ? (See John 3:16 and John 3:36).
- 6. What phrases in the passage (Genesis 6:22; 7:1-24) tell you that God's judgment is inescapable?
- 7. Scripture tells us that one day the world will be destroyed and not every[one] will be saved from destruction. What actions will you take to impact the world with the love of Jesus? Who in your circle need to know about God's mercy? What might you do to *influence others every[where] you go*?

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MARCH 19: WATER & LAND

GENESIS 8

- 1. How would you explain the statement "God remembered Noah"?
- 2. How long had Noah and his family been in the ark? How was Noah assured it was safe to leave the ark?
- 3. When have you experienced assurance from God's Word to proceed with something?
- 4. **Read Matthew 24:37-39 and Luke 17:26-27.** What is Jesus teaching us about His return and the judgment and why?
- 5. Noah lived in the minority of his culture; how would you describe the way you live in the culture of today?

- 6. In verse 17 God tells Noah to "be fruitful and multiply", when did God make that command previously?
- 7. What impresses you about the importance of the altar in the life of Noah?
- 8. What do the following verses tell you about ways we give "sacrifices to God?"
 Psalm 27:6; Psalm 51:17; Romans 12:1;
 Ephesians 5:2; Philippians 4:18; Hebrews 13:15-17; and I Peter 2:5? Which is the most meaningful to you and why?
- 9. What did you discover about God's character in chapter 8?

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MARCH 26: PROMISES & RAINBOWS

GENESIS 9

- "Then God blessed Noah and his sons..." (verse
 How do God's commands and established order bless believers in general? How do they bless you specifically?
- 2. What command is given to Noah and his sons in Genesis 9:4? In what specific ways is blood vital to life? How is blood significant in the following passages? Genesis 3:21; Leviticus 17:10-11, 14; Exodus 12:3-7, 23; Luke 22:20 with John 6:54 and 1 John 1:7.
- 3. Based on Genesis 9:1-7 and your recollection of the condition of humanity prior to the Flood (Genesis 4:23-24; 6:5), why would God have mandated capital punishment in Genesis 9:5, 6?
- Define covenant. God's covenant to Noah is an unconditional covenant. Read Genesis 6:18 and 9:8-17. Which words or phrases summarize

God's promise(s)? Who was the covenant with? What restrictions, conditions or limitations did the covenant have? What "sign" was associated with the covenant?

- 5. Why do you think God chose to communicate HIs decision to never flood the earth again to Noah and his family?
- 6. How does God communicate with us today?
- 7. If you have entered a relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ, you have entered into the New Covenant with God. The New Testament is filled with promises for those in this covenant relationship. What difference can it make in your life today that the God of all creation has committed Himself to a permanent covenant relationship with you?