WEEK 3: ADULT & TEEN BIBLE STUDY GUIDE

Theme: The Fall, Sin's Consequences, and the Need for a Savior

Opening Reflection:

- Have you ever warned someone about something, but they ignored you?
- How do you respond when people ignore God's Word today?
- What would you do if you had to obey God for 100 years without seeing results?

Read: Genesis 6:5-9, Genesis 7:1-24, Genesis 9:8-17

Break the passage into sections:

- 1. **God's Judgment on Sin (Genesis 6:5-7)** What does this teach about human nature?
- 2. Noah's Faith (Genesis 6:8-22) Why was Noah called "righteous"?
- 3. The Flood and Salvation (Genesis 7:1-24) How does the Ark point to Christ?
- 4. God's Covenant (Genesis 9:8-17) What is the significance of the rainbow?

Discussion Questions:

1. The Depth of Sin

- How does Genesis 6:5 describe human wickedness?
- What does this teach about the consequences of unchecked sin?
- How does this compare to today's world? (Romans 1:28-32)

2. God's Justice and Grace

- Why did God bring judgment through the flood?
- Was the flood just or too extreme? (Psalm 89:14 God is just and righteous.)
- How does God's judgment also display His mercy?

3. Faith in Action: Noah's Obedience

- How did Noah demonstrate faith? (Hebrews 11:7)
- Have you ever obeyed God despite doubts or opposition?
- What are ways we might be called to **stand alone in faith** today?

4. Jesus as the True Ark

- 1 Peter 3:20-21 compares Noah's Ark to **baptism**. How does the Ark symbolize .lesus?
- What happens to those outside of Christ, just like those outside the Ark? (John 3:36)
- What does this teach about salvation being found **only in Jesus**? (John 14:6)

5. The Covenant and the Rainbow

- What is the significance of **God's promise** never to flood the earth again?
- o How does the rainbow reflect God's mercy?
- How does the cross reflect God's ultimate promise?

Application: Living in Light of Redemption

- Recognize areas where we believe Satan's lies instead of God's truth.
- Confess areas where we have been hiding from God or making excuses for sin.
- Reflect on the cross—how does knowing Christ took our punishment give us hope?
- Walk in faith: How can we daily trust in God's Word over our feelings?

Memory Verse:

2 Peter 3:9 – "The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance."

Prayer & Reflection:

- Confess any areas of sin where you have been hiding.
- Thank God for His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus.
- Pray for strength to trust and obey God, even when it's difficult.

Challenge for the Week:

- **Families:** Take a walk and look for a rainbow or draw one. Every time you see one, thank God for His promises!
- Teens/Adults: Share with one person this week how Noah's Ark points to Jesus.
- Personal Reflection: Are you inside the Ark (Jesus), or are you still outside, ignoring the warning?