# **SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE**

The more we fear God, the more we long to draw near to Him.

God and the Ark
GENESIS 7-9

REVIEW
Read Genesis 7 out loud. What do God's actions reveal about His character?
Define and describe God's holiness. Define and describe God's justice. Use scripture to inform your answer.
How should the comprehension of God's holiness and justice affect your faith and daily life rhythms?
ASSESS
Do you fear God? (Describe how you arrived at your answer.)
Fill in the blank with your name. "And did all that God commanded him/her." Would this be a true statement of you? Why or why not?
APPLY
Where do you need to take a step of submission to God today? Pray that God would grow your fear of Him and your loving obedience in response.
Read Genesis 8:1-2, 9:8-17. God remembered Noah and poured out His grace. He does the same for you in Christ. Spend time in prayer thanking God for His grace (which is especially amazing in light of His holiness).

# MY GROUP'S APPLICATIONS

### **FOR FURTHER STUDY...**

Why a rainbow? In Genesis 9:13-17 God provides a sign of His covenant promise to Noah that He will never destroy the Earth with a flood again. This sign is a rainbow. Now, in Hebrew there was no word for rainbow. God uses the Hebrew word for the ancient weapon, the bow to describe this sign in the sky. Isn't it so fascinating that God uses an instrument of death to symbolize His grace and mercy to His people? When the Hebrews would see the bow in the sky, they may have imagined a weapon. The beautiful colors in the sky curve similarly to the wood of a bow that would have been strung in order to take away life. This picture grows even more darkly beautiful when one recognizes the bow is aimed toward the heavens. Therefore, this picture in a mysterious yet specific way, depicts God directing His wrath not toward the world, but toward His Son who reigns in the heavens. The only way God could not destroy the Earth again, because He is just and holy, is if He would pour out his wrath on His only Son. Here again we see the Gospel. Thank you Jesus for taking the arrow, the wrath of God, that we deserved.

### **SERMON NOTES**

God is a commanding, just, and gracious God. I am to obey faithfully, live fearfully, and receive freely.

- 1. God is a commanding God...we are to obey faithfully.
- 2. God is a just God...we are to live fearfully.

  Fear of the Lord: Proverbs 1:7, Proverbs 8:13,

  Matthew 10:28, Ecclesiastes 12:13, Psalm 33:8,

  Proverbs 14:27, Luke 1:50, Proverbs 19:23,

  Psalm 25:14, Psalm 86:11, Psalm 34:9, Psalm
  19:9, Psalm 112:1, 2 Corinthians 7:1
- 3. God is a gracious God, we are to receive freely.

## **5 DAY READING PLAN**

DAY 1

### Genesis 17

What does it say?
What does it mean?
How should I respond?

DAY 2

### Exodus 19

What does it say? What does it mean? How should I respond?

DAY 3

### Exodus 24

What does it say?
What does it mean?
How should I respond?

DAY 4

### Jeremiah 31

What does it say?
What does it mean?
How should I respond?

DAY 5

### Hebrews 10

What does it say?
What does it mean?
How should I respond?