

## **UP, IN, OUT:**

Ask each person to share how they are hoping / planning to grow in their UP, IN, or OUT this year.

## **OPEN:**

Describe an ideal vacation for your?

What is the closest you've come to experiencing a flood?

If your house was about to be washed away in a flood, what three things would you take with you?

## **DIG:**

Read Genesis 6:9-13

- How is Noah described? What do these words mean?
- How is the rest of the earth contrasted to Noah? What would you say to someone who says this is being too harsh and judgmental?
- How is verse 8 (last week) related to these verses?

Read Genesis 6:14-17

- We all know what Noah's Ark was, but what does the word "ark" mean? Figure it out.
- What would the dimensions of the Ark be in modern terms? What can you compare this to in order to visualize it?
- Is there anything about God's instructions for the ark that you find especially interesting?
- Many who believe there was a flood reject the idea that it was a global flood. How do these verses address this?

Read Genesis 6:18-22

- What does it mean that God established a covenant with Noah and his family?
- What do you think the terms of the covenant were?
- What sorts of challenges would come with bringing two of every kind of animal on the ark? How do you think Noah and his family dealt with these challenges?
- Verse 22 speaks of Noah's obedience. How is this related to Verse 8?

## **REFLECT:**

- Do you think it was reasonable and just for God to destroy the world with a flood? Why or why not?
- Are there other ways that God could have addressed the sinfulness of humanity? If so, why do you think God chose to use the flood at this point in history?

## **APPLY:**

What do you think God wants you to obey Him in, that might be viewed as crazy by the rest of the world?

## **PRAY:**