

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

As we come into spring, what can we as a group do to intentionally grow in our UP, IN, or OUT?

## **OPEN:**

What is your favorite food to have at a summer barbecue?

## **DIG:**

Read Genesis 8:20-22

- What stands out to you in these verses?
- Why would Noah have used the clean animals for the sacrifice?
- If God is a spirit (John 4:24), how could he smell the aroma of the sacrifices?
- Compare God's promise to not curse the earth to the two times He previously pronounced a curse on the earth (Gen 3:17-19 and 6:5-8). What similarities and difference do you see?
- Compare the middle of verse 21 to Gen 6:5 and Jeremiah 17:9. What do you think about these statements?

Read Genesis 9:1-4

- Where have you seen similar language earlier in Genesis?
- What's the big change here?
- Why would God forbid eating meat with the life blood still in it?

Read Genesis 9:5-7

- How is Genesis 1:26-27 related to these verses?
- This passage is the earliest reference to a legal system of capital punishment. What is it saying? Not saying? What questions do you have about this? How does it apply to our legal system today?

Read Genesis 9:8-17

- A covenant is a legal contract between two or more parties. Who are the parties in this covenant?
- What does God promise to do? What are people to do for their end of the bargain?
- What is the sign of the covenant, and what is its purpose?

## **REFLECT:**

- Read Luke 22:14-20 and discuss any parallels you see with the Genesis passage we studied today. Look for similar words or phrases.

## **APPLY:**

How has God remembered His promises in your life?

Who needs you to tell them about God's faithfulness in your life?

**PRAY:**