

The Gospel Project for Adults, Fall 2018
Interactive Teaching Tips for Adults, Unit 1, Session 4

Introduction: *Place group members in Noah's shoes.*

Say something like the following: "Today's Scripture walks us through the story of Noah. It's one of the most famous passages in the Bible, but let's try today to imagine what it would have been like to be in Noah's shoes."

To get group members' brains headed in that direction, ask these questions:

- What do you know about Noah?
- Why did God choose him?
- How would God's calling have impacted his life?

Point 3: *Observe the significance of the term bow.*

Read aloud the Commentary on page 49 in the Leader Guide.

State the following: "The Hebrew word used for bow in Genesis 9:13, *qesheth*, actually occurs more than 70 times in the Bible. In almost all of them, it is used as a weapon—not a rainbow."

Share some of the passages from this Bible search website:

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/Lexicon/Lexicon.cfm?strongs=H7198&t=NASB>

Point out the use of the same Hebrew word in Psalm 7:12 and Lamentations 3:12, where the image of God using a bow is described.

Then ask the question "How might we understand the rainbow better in light of this information about the term?"

Conclusion: *Help others wrestle with the reality of God's judgment.*

After reading aloud the commentary on page 50 in the Leader Guide, ask the question "How would you explain to someone who does not know God why

His holy nature and the priority of His glory makes His judgment of sinners necessary?”

After allowing time for 2-3 responses, play the video “God’s Glory in Judgment” (3 minutes, 26 seconds) where R.C. Sproul discusses the primacy of God’s holiness behind God’s acts of judgment and how one day, in the new heavens and new earth, we will be concerned with God’s glory to the point where we will be able to rejoice in His judgments:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SSncFfSMRzw>

Teaching Tip of the Week

In the days leading up to this lesson, ask God to reveal to you your own sins. Among other leaders within the group, challenge them to do the same. Be ready to share how being aware of your sin has prepared your heart and mind for the truths of today’s lesson.