Study Guide for January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009. A Way of Escape. Genesis 6:9-22

- Introduction: Who has exemplified a holy walk with God for you? How has that person inspired your attitudes and actions?
- I. A Righteous Man. (Gen. 6:9-10)
  - A. How would you explain the following terms which are used to describe Noah?
    - 1) Righteous: (see Ezek. 14:14, 20 & 18:5-9)
    - 2) Blameless among the people:
    - 3) (Noah) walked with God:
  - B. What spiritual impact do you think Noah had on his three sons? (see I Pet. 3:20)
- II. A Corrupt Population. (Gen. 6:11-12)
  - A. What terms are used to describe the behavior and character of the people on earth?
  - B. What evaluation does God make of the current conditions? Comp. with Gen. 1:31
  - C. Compare God's statement to Abraham in Gen. 15:16 (the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure) and reflect on our society's current condition.
- III. A Plan for Deliverance. (Gen. 6:13-22)
  - A. What statement does God make to Noah (vs. 13)? What does it say about Noah that God would reveal this to him? (Compare the interaction in Gen. 18:16-21)
  - B. What instruction does God give Noah? How is the ark described?
  - C. The same term is also used in Ex. 2:3-5. What does it describe there?
  - D. What promise / covenant does God make with Noah?
- IV. An Enduring Warning.
  - A. What application does Jesus make of the story of Noah? (see Matt. 24:36-41)
  - B. How does Peter describe Noah in II Pet. 2:5?
  - C. What lesson does Peter draw from Noah's example in I Pet. 3:18-20?
  - D. Read Heb. 11:7 and reflect on Noah's faith. (Note also Gen. 6:22). How can this story and Noah's example motivate you to greater faith and obedience?