1. Noah’s Mistake and Prediction About His Descendants
   a) Genesis 9:18-25 What is the message of this strange story and why is it included in the Scriptures?
   b) What similarities and differences do you see between this story and the narrative in Genesis 3?
   c) What sin, reflected in this story, is amplified in the descendants of Canaan? Genesis 19:5-7,31-36
   d) What prediction does Noah make about his other two sons and their descendants? Genesis 9:26-27

2. The Genesis Family Tree
   a) Review Genesis 10:1-32. Why are family trees (genealogies) recorded in the Bible?
   b) What major differences do you see between this family tree of Noah and the family tree in Genesis 5?
   c) What additional insights are included in the family tree of Jesus? Matthew 1:1-17 Why?

3. Rebellion on the Plain in the Land of Shinar
   a) Genesis 11:1-4 Where do you see signs of a rebellious attitude in this story?
   b) What else would be erected on the plain of Dura in the land of Shinar many generations later as an act of rebellion against God? Daniel 3:1
   c) How does this behavior reflect the character of the rebellious angel Satan? Isaiah 14:12-14
   d) How can we avoid the trap of self-exaltation, trying to make a name for ourselves, rather than seeking to exalt the name of the LORD?

4. The LORD’s Response to this Rebellion
   a) Genesis 11:5-7 What important lessons can we learn from the LORD’s response to this act of rebellion?
   b) Is God’s decision to “go down” an act of judgment or an act of mercy? (see also Luke 1:26-33)
   c) How does the inspired song of the Psalmist David remind us of the greatness of God and our constant need to depend wholly upon Him? Psalm 139:1-14

5. Scattering the Nations
   a) Genesis 11:8-9 How was the scattering of the people from the land of Shinar a fulfillment of God’s original plan? (see Genesis 1:28, 9:1)
   b) Share a time when you drifted away from God’s plan for your life and God had to intervene to bring you back into harmony with His plan.

6. Discussion questions
   a) Where do you see the immeasurable, unfailing love of God revealed in this story?
   b) What lessons from this story are particularly relevant for these last days of earth’s history?
   c) What is the most important lesson you have learned from our study today?