



## **Pride Nights, MLB, & the Real Rainbow**

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### **BIG IDEA**

God's rainbow reminds us that He faithfully preserves the world while carrying out His plan of redemption.

### **OUTLINE**

Because God keeps His promises, I can live with...

1. Confidence in God's preservation (8:20–9:2).
2. Gratitude for God's provision (9:3–4).
3. Respect for God's authority (9:5–6).
4. Assurance in God's covenant (9:8–17).

### **CALL TO RESPOND**

1. Trust God's promises more than current headlines.
2. Thank God for His daily provision.
3. Submit to God's design for authority and human life.
4. Let every rainbow remind you of God's faithfulness.
5. Be salt and light in a culture that has forgotten its Creator.

### **GROUP DISCUSSION**

1. The Flood did not solve humanity's greatest problem. According to Genesis 8:21, what is the real problem with mankind? How does the gospel address what government, education, psychology, or self-improvement cannot?
2. Genesis 8:22 promises the ongoing stability of creation. How does knowing God controls the seasons, weather, and future of the world affect the way Christians should respond to fear, uncertainty, and cultural upheaval?
3. Why do you think God reserved blood for sacrificial purposes (9:4)? How does the theme of blood throughout Scripture ultimately point us to the work of Christ on the cross?
4. The rainbow has become a highly contested symbol in modern culture. What did God originally intend the rainbow to communicate? How can Christians discuss this topic with both conviction and grace?
5. Pastor Tony noted that nations often decline when they reject God's authority. Where do you see evidence of that trend in our culture today? What opportunities does that create for Christians to be faithful witnesses?

### **DIRECT APPLICATION**

1. When you see growing opposition to biblical truth in society, are you more tempted toward fear, anger, withdrawal, or faithful engagement? Why?
  - A. Share an area where you need greater confidence that God remains in control.
  - B. As a group, pray that Mission Bible Church would continue producing believers who influence their homes, workplaces, schools, and communities for Christ.



2. Pastor Tony challenged believers to be "salt and light" rather than retreat from culture.
  - A. Where has God placed you to be an influence (family, workplace, neighborhood, school, industry, social media, etc.)?
  - B. What practical step can you take this week to speak up for Christ, demonstrate biblical truth, or encourage another believer?
  - C. How can your group help you remain faithful in that area?