**Lesson 8: Isaiah 54-55 – My Thoughts Are Not Your Thoughts Teacher Worksheet**

**Theme: The God of hope and history sends a servant**

1. **Isaiah 54 includes three extended metaphors describing God’s relationship to Israel in Babylonian captivity.**
2. **Husband and wife, children and tents.**
3. **In this metaphor Israel in captivity is compared to a barren woman who is told to sing for joy.**
4. **God is the husband who has called his wife.**
5. **Noah and the flood**
6. **God punishes the world by a flood and then ended the flood.**
7. **Just as he ended the flood God will now end the exile.**
8. **War**
9. **The return from exile will end oppression and terror.**
10. **Any coming war with Judah will not originate with God and God will protect the people.**
11. **Isaiah 55 – Teaching about God’s ways, thoughts, and words**
12. **God’s invitation**
13. **What choice is Israel given?**
14. **What is the difference between Babylonian food and God’s food?**
15. **God’s thoughts**
16. **There are two sets of ways and two sets of thoughts.**
17. **Does this passage suggest that God’s ways can or cannot be understood? Explain.**
18. **How are God’s ways, thoughts and words like rain and snow?**
19. **Announcement**
20. **Isaiah announces the return.**
21. **All nature responds to the return from exile.**