

OCF Small Groups: *passionately pursuing God, healthy relationships with each other, and people who don't know Jesus, as part of a Gospel Community.*

Genesis 10 – 11: 26

(Sunday, October 18)

1.
 - a. What experience do you have with (a) building projects and (b) foreign languages?
 - b. What most frustrated you about (a) and/or (b)?

2.
 - a. How does the Tower of Babel project conflict with God's instructions to Noah after the flood (9: 7)?
 - b. Why did the people disobey God's command to scatter and repopulate the earth (11: 4)?

3. The Tower of Babel symbolized humanity's pride and desire to make a name for themselves (11: 4) rather than making God's name great.
 - a. What does it mean to make a name for yourself?
 - b. How do we differentiate between selfishness and success?
 - c. What does it look like to make God's name great?

4.
 - a. In what ways is our culture repeating the mistakes of the people at Babel by trying to make a name for themselves?
 - b. When does building our own projects (e.g. career, hobbies, family, romantic relationships) cause us to lose sight of God's project (the Kingdom of God)?

5.
 - a. Have you ever built a "tower" for yourself only to get "scattered" by God (11: 8-9)? What happened?
 - b. How do you typically react when God scatters your plans?

6. a. What causes you to sometimes get scattered or confused?
b. What brought you out of that dispersion or confusion?

7. Compare the unity of Babel (11: 3-4) to the unity "in Christ" that God planned for mankind (see Ephesians 2: 11-22; 4: 1-16; Revelation 5: 6-10; 7: 9-10).
 - a. What are the goals of unity in Christ, according to these references?

 - b. How is unity in Christ accomplished?

 - c. Therefore, what was wrong with the unity at Babel? How would sinful man's united success in technology, astrology, magic, self-preservation, and renown have hindered God's plan to redeem the race from sin (11: 4,6)?

8. a. What's the most important thing to glean from the genealogies in chapter 10 and 11?
b. What does it reveal about God's promises?
c. In what ways are the genealogies in the Bible bridges that lead us to redemption?

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION Genesis 11: 4; 8-9

⁴Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth."

⁸So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

PRAY

Heavenly Father thank you for giving me your Spirit, the same Spirit who filled everyone at Pentecost, allowing each one to speak in other tongues and still understand every language. Help me to not spend my life making a name for myself but give me more grace to make your Name great – in Jesus name I pray, AMEN.