

# THE TOWER OF BABEL

Genesis 9.1-9

## THE CITY OF MAN

Genesis 10.32-11.9

### **Self-sufficiency is the enemy of God-dependency.**

By God's grace, He stops our efforts to build a unified, secular "city" and lifestyle that has no perceived need for God Himself. He can, will, and does disrupt our plans in order to keep us on track with building the Kingdom of God by keeping us on mission as we aim to be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth with the sharing of the Good News.

### **The Tower of Babel is the fig leaf of Eden: our self-righteous attempt to live independently from God.**

## ENCOURAGEMENT FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

- This story would serve as an encouragement to Israel as they send spies into the land and are fearful of the fortified cities that reach the heavens... **Deuteronomy 1.28**
- This story would serve as an encouragement to Israel as they are held captive in Babylon...
- This story would serve as an encouragement to Israel as they are enslaved in Egypt and forced to make bricks without straw... **Exodus 1.13, 14, 5.7-19**
- This story would serve as an encouragement to us that our lives are not made of manmade brick and mortar, but we are living stones, and our lives are built on the Rock of Christ and that the gates of hell will not prevail against us. **Matthew 16.18**
- This story would serve as an encouragement to us that as we obey the command of God to "be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth" not simply to see natural birth but to see spiritual birth as we "go, preach the Good News, and disciple, even to the ends of the earth."

Matthew 28.18-20 // Acts 1.8 // Romans 10.13.18 // Mark 13.26, 27

## OUR HOPE AND MOTIVATION: THE CITY OF GOD

Our hope is not in our own strength or ability, but in the fact that God says "I will be their God, and they will be my people."

Zephaniah 3.9 // Hebrews 11.10, 16 // Revelation 3.12, 18



## NOTES:

### Recommended Resources

#### The Gospel Transformation Bible

Published by Crossway, this bible is not *so much* a study bible, but a bible with commentary to help you see the bigger picture of Christ and His Gospel in and through all the Scriptures.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION TODAY!

Join us in the grassy field after service today for some **Irish-style food, games** for the whole family, and **Live Celtic Music!**

### NOAH MOVIE EVENT - MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>

Come out to watch the movie "Noah" with us on **Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup>**. The next day Pastor Jobey will be giving a **message on the story of Noah!** We expect the movie to be a "Hollywood Version" and most likely a departure from the Biblical account. That being said, we believe this will be an excellent opportunity to **invite friends and family** who may not know the true story and its significance to the Gospel to hear what the Bible *really* has to say about Noah the next day. We'll be buying group tickets in advance, **so Reserve Your Seats Today** by **filling out the ticket included in your bulletin** and drop it in the basket at the end of service.

### TWO SERVICES COMING - MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>

On **March 30<sup>th</sup>** we'll be going to 2 services on Sundays at **9am & 11am!** We're very excited about this as it will allow us to reach even more people with the message of Jesus, as well as enable our faithful serving teams to attend a worship service every week.

Along with this exciting growth comes more opportunities to partner with us by serving on one of our ministry teams! **Check out the Green Board in the courtyard** showing the **current serving opportunities** where you can **take your next step of faith** & get plugged in.

### MEN'S MINISTRY - MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>

This month, we're launching our **Men's Ministry**, led by Pastor Jobey! This will be a great opportunity to grow together with other men in the church in your devotion and knowledge of the Gospel. There will be a \$10 materials fee to cover the cost of the binder full of study materials/resources you'll be provided. We will meet **every other Monday night at 7PM**, here at the church. **Sign up** on your Connection Card!

## SAVE.

Jesus was sent to save. We have been saved to be sent. We are sent into our community to share the Good News that Christ came to save us, and we hope to see many who find new life.

## EQUIP.

We want to equip those very people in the Word so that they can continue to grow as disciples of Christ. From our preschool to our adults, our passion is to see everyone equipped in the Gospel to live a life of freedom and joy.

## SEND.

Lastly, we then want to see those equipped people sent into their community and world. From schools and playgrounds, to families and work places, we want to see people who are spiritual leaders in their life, showing people the truth of Christ's Good News.

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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Read **Genesis 10.32-11.9**. What stuck out to you the most or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday or from these verses? \_\_\_\_\_

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What was it that the inhabitants of Babel were hoping to accomplish? \_\_\_\_\_

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Read **Genesis 1.28, 9.1, and 10.32**. Then read **11.4**, followed by **verse 8 and 9**. What was God's command, the people's response, and then God's reaction to their response? \_\_\_\_\_

Read **Deuteronomy 30.5** and **Genesis 12.2**. Is God opposed to humans doing well? If you say 'no' based on these verses, then why would God want to stop what was going on in Babel? \_\_\_\_\_

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Read **Proverbs 16.25** and **Isaiah 55.8, 9**. How would these verses show the contrast between the things we pursue on our own and the things that God wants for us? \_\_\_\_\_

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Like those dwelling in Babel, we often want to do things "our way," even if they are contrary to what God's design is. Read **Isaiah 5.20, 21**. In what ways in your own life do you think you are "doing things your way" and even ignoring God's design and desires? \_\_\_\_\_

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What makes you want to do things "your way," and what is the solution to getting that to change? \_\_\_\_\_

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John Owens, a 17<sup>th</sup> Century pastor, said "only the Gospel can get the root [of sin] out." At the end of the day, our hearts need to be changed, and we don't have the power to do that. Burying the Gospel promises and truth of God in our hearts is the only thing that will enable and empower us to change. Oh Sunday, Jobey said that "self-sufficiency is the enemy of God-dependency." What promises and truths of God can help you "let go" of some of your own "self-sufficiency" in order to really trust God, particularly in the areas of your life that you have said you are doing things "your way"? \_\_\_\_\_

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Lastly, read **Matthew 28.18-20, Romans 10.13-18, Mark 13.26, 27, and Revelation 18.1-10**. What is God's ultimate purpose and reason for us to "be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth"? \_\_\_\_\_

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