

Genesis 11 Study Guide

Read Genesis 11:1-4

1. From recall, how did the people of the ancient Near East relate to their gods?
 - a. How did Ziggurats function in this relationship?
2. The builders of the Tower of Babel didn't think they needed God. Being honest with yourself, do you truly believe that you need God's help?
 - a. How would your answer change if you were asked this question 10 years ago?
 - b. In what area of your life do you need the most help?
3. Why are we tempted to exalt ourselves above others and above God?

Read Genesis 11:5-9

1. The Lord confuses the common language and scatters the people to protect them against pride and selfishness. What are the dangers of egocentrism?
2. In what ways does the sin of pride "slide under the radar" or seem less deadly than other types of sin?
3. How has God protected you from self-destructive behavior or redirected you away from something that you thought was best?

Bottom line: "Stop trying to reach for what God wants you to receive."

We try to accomplish things on our own, but the truth is, we cannot achieve anything for ourselves; God provides all that we need.

1. Are you more likely to do things yourself (DIY) or ask for help? Why?
2. How does the reminder that God provides allow you to release the desire to control or achieve?
3. How can we rely more on God?
4. What stood out to you today?