



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of September 15, 2024 Pastor Eric Chabaneix

Genesis 11:1-9

11 Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. 2 And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. 3 And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. 4 Then 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." 5 And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. 6 And the Lord said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. 7 Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." 8 So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. 9 Therefore 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.

1. Aside from just being a tall building, what do you think the tower of Babel represented to its builders? What drives humanity to want to build their own towers of Babel? Describe some modern day towers of Babel.
2. When can unity be a bad thing and why do you think it was necessary for God to bring His judgment upon mankind and confuse their language?
3. The story of the tower of Babel can be described as "a tale of two cities"; the city of man and the city of God. What do you think is the main difference between the two? What is the foundation of each city?
4. Is the desire for safety and significance good or bad? Explain how these desires can turn bad. How does faith in Christ meet and exceed our best efforts to secure safety and significance on our own?
5. Describe how your life would change if you really understood and believed that you are a stranger and exile on this earth looking forward to a better country, a city prepared for you by God. (Heb 11:16)