



STUDY QUESTIONS FOR **NOVEMBER 23**

Series: *Where We All Began*

Languages Begin (Genesis 11:1-9)

Icebreakers!

1. What's the biggest project you've undertaken? How much did it matter to you that your name was attached to it?
2. How hard is learning a new language for you? What makes it so challenging?

Digging Deeper

3. **Study Genesis 11:1-9 on the back of this page.** What themes are drawn out there? What's humanity's "problem" at this point? How does God address this danger without wiping everyone out like He did with the flood?
4. **Read Genesis 1:26.** If the people of Babel are copying God here by saying, "Let us make a name for ourselves," what does this reveal about their hearts in this project?
5. **Read Genesis 18:20-21.** God says about Sodom & Gomorrah, "I will go down to see," just like at Babel. What else do these two stories share in common?
6. **Read Isaiah 14:3-4, 12-19, and 22.** Whom is Israel taunting? How do verses 12-14 apply both to the people of Babel ... and the devil? What judgments does God heap on him?
7. **Read Luke 1:46-55.** How do verses 51-52 echo the Babel story? Who are the kind of people whom God *will* exalt? Why would Mary include this in her celebration song?
8. **Read Acts 2:1-12.** How does this miracle work compared to the Tower of Babel? What was God's purpose for this miracle, in contrast to His purposes at Babel?
9. **Read Revelation 18:1-10.** What will be the end of Babylon? How fast is Babylon judged? What warning do we need to hear, knowing that this judgment will come?
10. What did you hear in the message this Sunday that stood out to you? Is there anything you would emphasize, add, or change?

Application

11. What life goals are you pursuing right now?
12. What would it look like for God to shatter the plans you have right now *to make a name for yourself*? Why would you think it's worth that risk to keep pursuing them?
13. If you were 100% sure that the goal of your life was to glorify God with your life, what would you be doing? With what mindset would you pursue those goals?

GENESIS 11:1-9

Now the whole earth had
one language
and the same words.

And as people migrated from the east,
they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there.

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.

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.”

And the LORD came down to see the city 
and the tower ,
which the children of man had built.

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.

“Come, let us go down and there confuse their language,
so that they may not understand one another’s speech.”

So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth,
and they left off building the city.
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.