

A WHOLE NEW WORLD

Babel - Week 8

SERMON SUMMARY

This week the sermon explored the story of the Tower of Babel in Genesis 11:1-9, focusing on themes of human ambition, self-sufficiency, technological advancements, and disobedience. It drew connections to the Day of Pentecost as a reversal of Babel and examined the ongoing relevance of these themes in our lives today.

KEY VERSES

Genesis 11:1-9

SERMON NOTES

LINK

<https://bible.com/events/49350318>



DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. Read Genesis 11:1-9. What questions do you have about this story?
2. Read Acts 2:1-4. This is a call back to the Tower of Babel. People are gathered and “tongues” break out. Except this time God will use it to advance his mission in the world of spreading the good news about King Jesus.
 - a. How is the church the opposite of the Tower of Babel story?
 - b. What warnings does the Tower of Babel story have for us as we build the church?
3. Technological advancements play a big role in the building of the tower (Genesis 11:3).
 - a. How is this story a warning to us about the pursuit and use of technology today? How do you view our rapid technological advancements? Do they worry or excite you?
 - b. How is this story a warning to the church about our use of technology? How can we ensure that our technological advancements honor God rather than lead us away from Him?
4. The people in this story wanted to make a name for themselves that rivaled God and avoid being scattered across the earth (vs. 4). They were claiming autonomy from God and self-glorification. They wanted to build their own refuge instead of trusting God to be their refuge.
 - a. How does the story of Babel challenge us to examine our own ambitions and motivations?
 - b. What do these same temptations look like for us collectively as the church?

PRAYER

- **Silent Reflection:** Spend a few minutes in silent reflection, asking God to reveal areas in your life where pride and self-sufficiency may be hindering your relationship with Him and others.
- **Group Prayer:** Come together as a group and share what you felt God was saying to you in your silent reflection time.