

Genesis 11: 1-9

God's Word: Made to Scatter



The Text – Genesis 11:1-9

1. Read through the text. What were the reasons for building the city and tower?
2. What do you think it means that they wanted 'to make their name great?'
3. How does their desire to not be scattered fit with God's commands for humanity to fill the earth and subdue it in Genesis 1:28?
4. Why does God scatter the people and confuse their language? What is tragic about this? What is good about this?

The Scriptures – Genesis 11:1-9 as a portion of the Scriptures

1. Read Genesis 1:28. What is God's created purpose for humanity? How does this conflict with Genesis 11:1-9?
2. Read Revelation 7:9-17. How does this picture contrast with that of Babel? What does it say about God's purposes for humanity and creation?

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Genesis 11:1-9 as a portion of the Scriptures

1. What is God's mission for his world and for humanity? How might we participate in God's mission today in our town?
2. What are some barriers that might tempt us to abandon God's mission and seek our own agenda?
3. How might we help to remind each other of our identity and purpose given to us by God?