



IN THE BEGINNING,

grace

Sunday mornings at Capitol City

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Community Group Study: The End of the Beginning
Genesis 11:1-9 | Week of February 21

GETTING STARTED

When you think about God, what attributes (or aspects of his character) first come to mind? Do you think of him as primarily loving? Powerful? Holy?

CONTEXT

What evidence have we seen of the wickedness of the human heart in Genesis 4-9?

Read Genesis 11:1-9

OBSERVATION

What appears to be the problem with the attitudes and actions of the builders of the Tower of Babel?

How does God resolve that problem?

MEANING

The builders of the Tower of Babel believe that God's presence and power can be manipulated – so they build a tower/temple structure to coerce him into coming down and dwelling among them. How is this concept of God at odds with what we've seen in Genesis 1-2, where God formed Adam and placed him in his own garden for his purposes?

Given the people's perverted understanding of God in Genesis 11, how would confusing their language and scattering them help accomplish God's purposes? How does this set the scene for the rest of Genesis?

APPLICATION

Its easy to criticize the builders of the Tower – how could anyone think that a god of their own creation could do anything for them? But think about our own expectations of God. In what ways do we put him in a box and expect him to serve our needs?

Do you ever find yourself negotiating with God? Or frustrated with God because things didn't go as you expected them to? What theological issues do these tendencies reveal? What heart issues do they reveal?

What aspects of God's omniscience, omnipresence, and omnipotence are most encouraging to you? Are most challenging to you?

How do God's omniscience, omnipresence, and omnipotence shape our understanding of and awe for the grace of God in the gospel?

NEXT STEPS ...

Find time this week to read and meditate upon the words of Job 40:1-42:6 and Psalm 50:7-15. Pray that God would fill you with awe in light of his omniscience, omnipresence, and omnipotence.

Share with a group member, friend, or spouse this week: How do you hope to and need to repent of putting God in a box and expecting him to serve your needs?

