



# genesis

part 1: origins

## Week 8: Dispersion & Diversity

The Tower of Babel is a cautionary story about human arrogance and divine authority. We can choose to work in cooperation with God or build our own towers, but they will never be tall enough to escape the brokenness of the world. God is our only way out and just as He came down at Babel, He came down again at Bethlehem so He could ultimately bring us up to heaven.

### Discussion Questions:

1. If you could speak another language besides English, what would it be and why? If you already speak a second language, what was your motivation to learn it?
2. **Read Genesis 11:1-9.** Why do you think the people rejected the idea of being scattered throughout the earth?
3. What statement were they making by building a tower? What kinds of towers do we build that might indicate a lack of trust in God? Are there examples of these in your life, past or present?
4. The consequence of their sin was confusion of language, not cultural diversity. How does cultural diversity actually reflect the heart of God? How can we learn more about God by embracing the differences in others? Share your own experience with the group.
5. **Read Acts 2:1-13.** Discuss the parallels between the confusion of languages at Babel and the unity of languages at Pentecost. How does this demonstrate God's redemptive work?
6. **Read Revelation 7:9-10.** How does this vision of a unified, worshiping community inspire hope and perspective for the world we're living in?
7. How can we, as the Church, reflect this kind of unity in our world? Close your time by praying for God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven in regards to unity of the human race.