

## Principalities & Powers (4 of 8) Small Group Discussion Questions

Join our congregation for worship in-person or online at 10:30 am each Sunday via our [Grantham Church YouTube Channel](#). If you ever miss a message, the sermons are always posted to the recent sermons page at our website and at the Grantham Church Podcast the following day, along with the sermon slides and small group discussion questions under Worship Resources. Thank you for staying connected with us!

**Sunday, May 24th, 2026**



**Series Focus:** The Apostle Paul wrote, *“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms”* (Ephesians 6:12). The Bible tells a story of a real cosmic conflict—where spiritual rebellion has corrupted the world—but through Jesus, God is reclaiming the nations, and he invites his people to participate in this spiritual fight through prayer. *Principalities & Powers* is an 8-week sermon series exploring the unseen spiritual conflict behind human history, the victory of Christ over evil, and the role of believers in spiritual warfare through prayer. Join us each week (May 3-June 21) as we learn about our real enemy and how to fight like Jesus.

**Sermon Title:** The Third Rebellion at Babel

**Scripture Reading:** Genesis 11:1-9, 12:1-3; Deuteronomy 32:7-9; Isaiah 34:1-4

**Sermon Focus:** The Tower of Babel is the biblical account of humanity’s organized rebellion against God and the scattering of the nations. After this scattering, the nations are allotted to spiritual rulers who ultimately became corrupt and led humanity into idolatry and injustice. In the fourth message of our series, Pastor David unpacks Genesis 11:1-9 and Deuteronomy 32:7-9 and shares how God forms a covenant people through whom he would one day reclaim the nations through Jesus Christ.

Thank you for going deeper in conversation with your small group. Use the following questions to help *guide* your small group discussion:

1. Begin by having someone read aloud Genesis 11:1-9. Now think back to the sermon. What was your initial reaction to hearing Genesis 11:1-9 explained through a supernatural or cosmic worldview lens? Did you hear anything new?
2. Pastor David said Babel was more than building a tower—it was humanity attempting to bring heaven to earth and build a kingdom apart from God. What do you think that means? Why do you think humanity is drawn toward self-sufficiency and control? Where do you see “Babel-like” tendencies in our culture today?
3. Read Deuteronomy 32:8-9 and Psalm 82:1-8. What is your reaction to the teaching that the “sons of God” were given authority over the nations of the world and that they rebelled against God and led the nations into idolatry and injustice? How does the idea that spiritual powers influence nations and cultures affect the way you think about the world? How does it affect the way you think about our own nation? Have you seriously considered the effect fallen powers have on our world?
4. As we will see through the rest of the series, God has a plan to reclaim the nations for himself and judge the fallen sons of God upon the earth. Eventually, Jesus, the only begotten Son of God, will come and disarm the powers and authorities and pour out his Spirit on all nations (Acts 2-Pentecost). Does this knowledge of the cosmic struggle between God and “the gods” shed any new light on the story?
5. Read Genesis 12:1-3. Immediately after Babel, God calls Abraham and begins His plan to bless the nations. What does this reveal about God’s character? How does this shift your understanding of the mission of Israel and ultimately Jesus? In what ways might God want to use you to bring hope, healing, and restoration to others?
6. **WEEKLY PRACTICE: Praying for the Nations – “Expand Your Prayer Horizon”**
  - **Challenge:** Don’t just see human leaders and nations, be aware of the corrupt spiritual powers at work in the unseen realm.
  - **Invitation:** When nations come to mind... pray: “God, reclaim this nation. Break spiritual strongholds with the gospel of Jesus.”
  - **Goal:** Accept that spiritual forces of darkness have corrupted all nations and adopt a larger vision of God’s global mission.

What is God saying to you through this message and weekly practice?