

## WEEK 37: SEPTEMBER 7-SEPTEMBER 13

### DISCIPLESHIP GROUP LESSON

#### MEETING AGENDA



1. **OPENING PRAYER** - Ask one person to open the meeting in prayer.
2. **GROWTH QUESTIONS** - Ask everyone the Growth Questions.
3. **ATTENDANCE**- Take attendance through the DG Attendance System.
4. **TODAY'S LESSON** - Go over this week's DG lesson.
5. **GIVING** - Encourage everyone to give on the App.
6. **CLOSING PRAYER** - Ask for prayer requests and pray.



#### GROWTH QUESTION #1

Who wants to share a highlight or good moment from this week?



#### GROWTH QUESTION #2

What did you learn from this week's sermon?



#### GROWTH QUESTION #3

What was your biggest accomplishment this week?

## PRIDE COME BEFORE THE FALL

#### TODAY'S PASSAGE:

##### **Genesis 11:1-9 (NLT)**

1 At one time all the people of the world spoke the same language and used the same words. 2 As the people migrated to the east, they found a plain in the land of Babylonia and settled there. 3 They began saying to each other, "Let's make bricks and harden them with fire." (In this region bricks were used instead of stone, and tar was used for mortar.) 4 Then they said, "Come, let's build a great city for ourselves with a tower that reaches into the sky. This will make us famous and keep us from being scattered all over the world." 5 But the Lord came down to look at the city and the tower the people were building. 6 "Look!" he said. "The people are united, and they all speak the same language. After this, nothing they set out to do will be impossible for them! 7 Come, let's go down and confuse the people with different languages. Then they won't be able to understand each other." 8 In that way, the Lord scattered them all over the world, and they stopped building the city. 9 That is why the city was called Babel, because that is where the Lord confused the people with different languages. In this way he scattered them all over the world.



### OPENING QUESTION

What stood out to you from the passage we just read?



### TRUTH #1

#### HUMAN PRIDE LEADS TO REBELLION

- The people wanted to build a tower “for ourselves.” Their goal was not to honor God, but to glorify themselves.
- Pride always says “my way, my strength, my fame.” Humility says “God’s will, God’s power, God’s glory.”
- The people were united, but united in rebellion. Unity without God leads to destruction.
- We see the same pride today: people chasing power, status, and recognition apart from God.

**Proverbs 16:18 (NLT) – “Pride goes before destruction, and haughtiness before a fall.”**

**James 4:6 (NLT) – “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”**

- We must guard against pride that seeks to build our own name instead of lifting up the name of Jesus.



### INTERACTIVE QUESTION

What are some ways pride shows up in our culture today? How can we avoid falling into the same trap?



### TRUTH #2

#### GOD WILL CHECK OUR PRIDE

(v. 5-7)

- God came down and confused their language. This was not just punishment, it was protection. Left unchecked, humanity's pride would have only led to greater sin and judgment.
- When we build things apart from God, He will disrupt them. He won't allow us to build a life that leaves Him out.
- Sometimes, when plans fall apart, it's actually God's mercy redirecting us back to Him.
- God scattered the people, because His will was always for mankind to "fill the earth" (Genesis 1:28). They resisted His plan, so He made sure it was carried out.

**Psalm 127:1 (NLT) – "Unless the Lord builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted."**

- It's better to have God interrupt our plans than to succeed in something that leads us away from Him.



#### INTERACTIVE QUESTION

Can you think of a time when God disrupted your plans and later you realized it was for your good?



#### TRUTH #3

ONLY JESUS CAN RESTORE WHAT SIN  
DESTROYED

- Babel brought division, scattering, and confusion. But in Christ, God is restoring unity through the Spirit.
- At Pentecost (Acts 2), God reversed Babel. Different languages heard the same gospel in their own tongue, but this time to unite people in Christ, not in rebellion.
- What humanity tried to do in pride (make one name for themselves), God fulfilled through Jesus (Philippians 2:9-11—God gave Jesus the name above all names).
- The only true foundation we can build on is Christ. Everything else will collapse.

**1 Corinthians 3:11 (NLT) – “For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ.”**

**Ephesians 2:19–20 (NLT) – “Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself.”**

- The gospel is God’s answer to our problems. What sin destroyed, only Jesus can restore.



### INTERACTIVE QUESTION

How does knowing Jesus as the “cornerstone” change the way we build our lives, families, and future?



### CLOSING QUESTION

What is one thing you have learned from today’s lesson?



## GIVING

**We have received so much from God and should give generously of all that He has blessed us with.**

**Matthew 10:8 (NLT)**

8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cure those with leprosy, and cast out demons. Give as freely as you have received!

Encourage everyone to give their tithes and offerings.



# PRAYER



## QUESTION #1

Who are you praying  
for to be saved?



## QUESTION #2

Who can you invite to  
the next meeting?



## QUESTION #3

What are your prayer  
requests?

