



Big Idea:

As humanity begins to fill the earth once again, they continue their rebellion, and so God comes and scatters all the people by confusing their language.

Thought Exercise:

- “Progress” is a loaded term in Christian circles. What kinds of things come to mind when we say progress?
- What are the pros and cons of progression?

Items for discussion:

A Tower to the Heavens (11:4)

- What was the big problem with the Tower of Babel?
- The tower is regarded by scholars as one of Mesopotamia’s famous man-made sacred mountains (a ziggurat).
- Inappropriate understanding of God’s (or in this case god’s) place within the existence of humanity.

To Make a Name (11:4)

- What is the motivating factor for the building project?
- Why is the intended purpose (as a whole) for man’s existence?
- Consider this project in light of the stark contrast given in the nEW Testament of the pride of man vs the humility of Christ.

Rebellion Against Purpose (11:4)

- What was God’s intention for mankind (esp in relation to this narrative)?
- In what ways do we assert our own will over God’s will and purpose?

The Response (11:5-6)

- God comes down, but he doesn’t bring the blessings that were anticipated.
- What does God mean by, “nothing ... will be impossible for them”?
- What motivates the human desire for independence from God?
- How do we prevent “technology” from becoming a new religion?

God has created and brought to order and function to the earth, the rebellion of humanity against divine authority, and God’s plan to restore mankind to his original purpose through grace and faith.

