

The Tower

Genesis 11:1 – 9

Big idea: When we try to make a name for ourselves...God comes down.

Connecting

1. What is a piece of advice that has stuck with you?

Observation

2. How do people try to make a name for themselves in our world today? Can you think of obvious...and less than obvious ways?

Understanding

3. Read the passage. What motivated the people to 1) Make a name for themselves, and 2) Not be scattered?
4. Read Jeremiah 45:5. Why does God forbid us from seeking great things for ourselves? In other words, is He trying to keep something from us?
5. What are the results of trying to make a name for yourself versus the results of receiving a name from God? What are some reasons people choose the former?
6. Read Daniel 4:25 – 37. God came down is the center of the passage. In what ways does God “scatter” people? Why is this a kindness from God? What is the lesson of voodoo and the nation of Haiti? How does this relate?

Living

7. In what ways are you tempted to make a name for yourself? How can you bring change to this part of life?
8. Read James 4:10. How does a person go about humbling himself? How has the Lord “scattered” you in the past?
9. What are some of the names that God gives us in Scripture? What would you say to the person who had trouble believing that these names referred to her?

Looking Ahead: Read John 12:12 – 19. What is the key idea in this passage?

Prayer together:

