

A Scattering

*FCC Life Group Discussion Notes
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Opening Prayer

- Pray that God would reveal any areas of pride in our lives that may be pulling us away from His purposes.
- Ask the Lord to help us surrender fully to His plans and embrace humility.

Ice Breaker

If you could build one “tower” representing something you’re really proud of in your life (a career achievement, family, skill, etc.), what would it be and why?

Key Scripture

Genesis 11:4 (CSB) – *Ask a group member to read aloud.*

“And they said, ‘Come, let’s build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the sky. Let’s make a name for ourselves; otherwise, we will be scattered throughout the earth.’”

Sermon Summary

In Genesis 11, humanity’s pride drives them to build the Tower of Babel in direct rebellion against God’s command to fill the earth. Rather than trusting God’s purposes, they seek to make a name for themselves and control their own destiny. God confuses their language and scatters them, reminding us that pride always puts us at odds with God’s plans, yet His purposes ultimately prevail and point us to the hope of the Gospel.

Discussion Point 1: The Danger of Pride

Scripture: Genesis 11:4 (CSB) – *Ask a group member to read aloud.*

“And they said, ‘Come, let’s build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the sky. Let’s make a name for ourselves; otherwise, we will be scattered throughout the earth.’”

Point Summary: The people settled in one place and built a tower to make a name for themselves instead of obeying God’s command to spread out and fill the earth. Their pride fueled self-exaltation and resistance to God’s plan. When pride takes root, it leads us to compete with God rather than trust Him.

Suggested points for prayer is given in each prayer section and are up to the discretion of the leader.

Discussion Questions:

1. In what subtle ways does pride show up in everyday life (defensiveness, wanting recognition, resisting correction, etc.)?
2. How have you seen pride create distance between you and God or between you and others?

Discussion Point 2: God's Purposes Prevail

Scripture: Genesis 11:8-9 (CSB) – *Ask a group member to read aloud.*

“So from there the Lord scattered them throughout the earth, and they stopped building the city. Therefore it is called Babylon, for there the Lord confused the language of the whole earth, and from there the Lord scattered them throughout the earth.”

Point Summary: Despite humanity's best efforts to resist, God accomplished His plan to scatter people across the earth. Our pride can delay blessings and create confusion, but it cannot stop God's sovereign purposes. This should both warn and encourage us.

Discussion Questions:

1. Can you share a time when you resisted something you knew God was doing, only to see His purposes work out anyway?
2. How does the truth that “God's purposes will always prevail” bring you encouragement in areas where you're currently struggling?

Discussion Point 3: The Gospel Reverses Babel

Scripture: Acts 2:5-6 (CSB) – *Ask a group member to read aloud.*

“Now there were Jews staying in Jerusalem, devout people from every nation under heaven. When this sound occurred, a crowd came together and was confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language.”

Point Summary: At Babel, languages were confused and people scattered. At Pentecost, languages were understood and nations were gathered through the Gospel. God's ultimate purpose for us is to know Jesus and make Him known. Humility is required to receive the Gospel that unites us in Christ.

Discussion Questions:

1. How does the contrast between Babel and Pentecost show God's heart for all people?
2. In what ways can our group better reflect the unity that comes through the Gospel in our community?

Wrap-Up

The story of the Tower of Babel shows us that pride will always put us at odds with God's purposes, but God's purposes will always prevail in spite of our pride. The Good News is that Jesus offers us forgiveness and a new way of humility and unity. As we respond to the Gospel, we join in God's great plan to bring people from every nation together in Christ.

Challenge

This week, ask the Holy Spirit to show you one area where pride may be active in your life. Take one practical step of humility (asking forgiveness, serving someone quietly, or yielding in a disagreement). If you haven't yet responded to the Gospel, consider doing so this week—talk with a leader or group member.

Closing Prayer

- Thank God for His patience with our pride and for accomplishing His purposes anyway.
- Pray for humility to embrace the Gospel and for opportunities to share it with others.
- Ask God to unite our group and church as we seek to make His name known.

Handout

Life Group Handout: A Scattering

Key Verse: Genesis 11:4 (CSB) – “Let’s make a name for ourselves...”

Main Takeaways: • Pride puts me at odds with God’s purposes. • God’s purposes will always prevail. • The Gospel reverses Babel through Jesus.

Personal Reflection:

1. Where is pride showing up in my life right now?
2. What is one area where I need to submit to God’s purpose this week?

Action Step: Identify one specific step of humility I will take this week:

Memory Verse: James 4:6 – “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”

Prayer Requests: