

Personal/Group Training Guide

Week of 8/12/18

“Bricks and a Tower”

Genesis 11:1-9

- (1) Read Genesis 11:1–4. Discuss the issues that you find with their plans. Is it wrong to want to “make a name for yourself?”
- (2) Read Genesis 11:5–9. Share with the group anything that you find particularly interesting about how God responded?
- (3) Nimrod was the leader of the people at this time. His name means “rebel” in Hebrew. How challenging is it to avoid getting caught up in a leader’s direction even though it may be against God’s will? Can you provide a modern-day example of this type of scenario?
- (4) In the end, God scattered the people, which was His original purpose for them. Discuss this in relation to God’s plans. Does God always get what God wants? Have you ever experienced God working out His plan for you, even though you resisted it?
- (5) Under Nimrod’s leadership, one of the things that they did was build a city, in hopes of avoiding being scattered. Do you find it challenging to go in a direction that takes you out of your comfort zone? Share an example of when this happened to you personally.
- (6) In seeking to make a name for themselves, the people failed to bear the image of God. What are some ways that we can reflect God’s image? Tell the group about someone you know who does this on a consistent basis. What characteristics do they exhibit?
- (7) Read Luke 9:23. A familiar verse to some maybe, but discuss the meaning of “denying self.” How can someone most effectively take up their cross DAILY? What practices do you employ to help with this in your life?
- (8) Read Matthew 28:18–20. Define “disciple” in your own words. What does it mean to “make disciples” of Christ? How can we most effectively do this?
- (9) Do you ever think of yourself as someone who is able to participate in Christ’s Kingdom work? How does that make you feel? How challenging is it for you to sit back and wait for Jesus to come again and fix everything? Is this a real temptation for you? How prevalent is this attitude among the people that you know?
- (10) How can your group specifically pray for you this week?