

**Sermon Discussion Guide for Cumberland Fellowship Church**  
**Sermon Series: Modern Day Babel – June 19, 2022**



*This guide is a supplement to the weekly sermon. We encourage families and groups to use it. When we hear God's Word, we need to do more than listen. The Bible says, "Be doers of the word, not hearers only (James 1:22)." **Step 1: GATHER** with your family or group. **Step 2: REVIEW** and **DISCUSS** the key points and scriptures from the sermon. **Step 3: PRAY** for the prayer requests shared by your family or group.*

### **DISCUSSION STARTER**

During this sermon series, we have discovered a common problem with all human beings, even in the church. The problem is that we like to settle in and build our own kingdom instead of being scattered and building God's Kingdom. Ask your group how things might look different in our lives if we were more focused on scattering and building God's Kingdom.

### **DIGGING DEEPER 1**

**Read Genesis 11:1-4.** Reread and focus in on verse 4. Ask, "Why did the people build the Tower of Babel?" Discuss the significance of the phrase, "make a name for ourselves." Notice the phrase, "Otherwise, we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth," stands as the opposite of them making a name for themselves." Ask, "Who would have received the glory because of their scattering?" Discuss how we have the choice in our own lives, families, and church as to whether we make a name for ourselves or for the Lord.

### **DIGGING DEEPER 2**

Pastor mentioned that the Modern-Day Babel Mentality is, "I know what God said, but I don't want to do it." Two sins that the people exhibited in the Tower of Babel are root sins that echo throughout the Bible – pride and unbelief. **Read Proverbs 16:18.** Ask, "What does Proverbs 16:18 teach us about pride and its effects?" **Read Psalm 18:1-3.** Unbelief is a lack of trust in God to provide for us and protect us. Ask, "Who does David say he trusts in Psalm 18:2? What are some things we can do to grow in our faith so we can trust God at all times.?" Encourage your group to think about how those two root sins might be affecting their lives right now.

### **DIGGING DEEPER 3**

**Read Genesis 11:5-6.** God scattered the people because they chose to stay together. Ask, "What was God's concern about the people staying in one place?" Pastor mentioned the following about verse 6: "When a society becomes more unified around sinful behavior than obedience to God's Word, there is no level of evil impossible for them to achieve." Discuss that quote together. Pastor also mentioned something else about verse 6. He said, "When the church begins to speak the same language of unity and surrender, and we put aside our differences and serve our community by demonstrating the love of Christ, then nothing we plan to do for God will be impossible." Discuss that statement and how we should respond.

### **DOING THE WORD**

**Read John 17:13-21.** According to Jesus, our unity as the church will validate the gospel message and encourage people to believe. When we are unified around one vision, one purpose, and one message, then nothing we will plan to do will be impossible. **Read Ephesians 4:5-6.** Use those verses as a prayer focus for your group. Pray that God will cause His church to be unified under one Lord, one faith, and one baptism and truly shine His light and make a difference in the world.