

Sermon Discussion Guide for Cumberland Fellowship Church
Sermon Series: Modern Day Babel – June 12, 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

Lead your group in a discussion about how we work hard to get settled in our lives. *Hint: We work to own a home and vehicles. We set aside money for retirement. We try to settle in and get comfortable.* Ask, "How does this message series challenge that perspective?"

DIGGING DEEPER 1

Read Genesis 1:27-28 and 9:1. God's purpose for man remained even after sin became a reality and separated man from the presence of God. We were created to reflect the glory and goodness of God and God's call to be fruitful, multiply, and subdue the earth still stands. Ask your family or group, "Was God simply giving a mandate to make babies or was there more to this mandate?" Pastor shared that the call to be fruitful, multiply, and subdue the earth in some way points forward as a preview of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) and our ultimate purpose as Christ followers.

DIGGING DEEPER 2

Read Exodus 40:34 and 1 Kings 8:10-11. Each passage conveys the glory of God as filling the place of worship. Ask, "How would you define the glory of the Lord?" *God's glory is the outward display or manifestation of God's holiness.* We cannot fully comprehend the goodness and perfection of God, yet God saw fit to reveal what cannot be seen in a tangible way. To understand the glory of God, we must get view of the holiness of God. **Read Isaiah 6:1-8.** Discuss how this passage in Isaiah helps us to understand the holiness of God.

DIGGING DEEPER 3

Pastor mentioned that the word used to describe the glory of the Lord filling the place of worship is the same word used in Genesis 1:27-28 to describe the command to fill the earth. God does not just want us to populate the earth but to populate the earth with those who reflect and put on display the glory of God. **Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 and 2 Corinthians 3:17-18.** In the New Testament there is no place of worship but only the assembly believers who worship God. Ask these questions about the passages above: "What does it mean to honor God with our bodies? What does it mean to be changed from glory to glory? How do these verses reveal how we, as Christians, can fill the earth with God's glory/display God's Glory?"

DOING THE WORD

Read Genesis 11:1-4. The main problem we have identified in this series is that the people were not to settle, but to scatter. Pastor said that "our purpose is not to sit and gather, but to go and scatter." Ask, "How has secret sin in the life of the church caused an erosion of our faith? What might be the connection between secret sin and failing to go and scatter with the gospel message?" Challenge your group with a time for people to deal with secret sin in their life and lead with a prayer of repentance as you ponder silently together. Finally, encourage your group to seek the Lord's will in their life regarding "going and scattering." Ask, "Are you resisting the call of God to leave what you are doing so you can go and scatter and display the glory of God in a new place and a new way?" Challenge them to stop resisting and obey God.