

**Sermon Discussion Guide for Cumberland Fellowship Church**  
**Sermon Series: Modern Day Babel – June 26, 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**

Ask your group to share a time where they were traveling or on a mission trip where they met someone who spoke a different language. Ask, "When did you realize they spoke a different language? Did you attempt to communicate with them? How did that go? Were you able to communicate? Was there any confusion?"

### **DIGGING DEEPER 1**

**Read Genesis 11:7-9.** God said the phrase "let us." Using a study Bible try to answer the following question: "Is this a reference to the Trinity or something else?" In verses 8-9, we are told that God confused the language of the people to scatter them around the earth. Babel means "confusion." Pastor said, "confusion happens when sin is present in our lives." Ask, "How have you seen sin lead to confusion in your own life and those around you?"

### **DIGGING DEEPER 2**

Pastor shared a lot of history about Babylon. Ask your group to discuss what they found most interesting about the history of Babylon. Use a study Bible to help you gain more insight about the significance of Babylon. Babylon is found throughout the Bible. Abraham was from that same region. Babylon was the nation that took Israel into exile. Daniel was an Old Testament prophet who experienced this exile and prophesied about the fall of Babylon. **Read Revelation 18:1-4.** Ask, "What do we learn about Babylon and her role in the end times? What does Babylon represent based on those verses and the message we heard?"

### **DIGGING DEEPER 3**

**Read Jeremiah 50:8.** Pastor challenged us, "God is still calling us out of this Modern-Day Babel mentality of pride, greed and pursuit of self into a true relationship with Jesus Christ." Ask your group to discuss how this sermon series has challenged them to leave Modern-Day Babel and follow Christ. **Read Revelation 18:5-6.** God will one day judge Babylon and those who follow the Babylonian mindset. Ask, "What will Babylon's judgment look like based on those verses?"

### **DOING THE WORD**

Pastor posed the following question: "Was God confusing their language and scattering them over the face of the earth in Genesis 11 as an act of punishment or mercy?" The final answer is that God was being merciful. Pastor said, "God will mercifully destroy our plans, when they hinder His purpose. God loves us and knows what is best for each of us. When He sees that the direction of our lives is headed away from Him, He will often step in and confuse our selfishly motivated plans so that He can turn us back to our God-given purpose." Ask your group to consider whether God is confusing their plans to get them on a path filled with His purpose. Encourage your group to consider the mercy of God in this. Ask people in your group to share a part of their story when God did this very thing. **Read Romans 8:28.** Challenge them to stop getting angry and frustrated at the roadblocks God is putting in their lives since they are acts of mercy from God and that God is using them to speak His purpose into our lives.