

ORIGINS

SERMON SERIES ON GENESIS 1-11

SERMON LISTENING GUIDE // DATE: _____

Genesis 11:1-9 // Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ² And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³ And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴ Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." ⁵ And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. ⁶ And the Lord said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷ Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." ⁸ So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹ Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth. And from there the Lord dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

The Search for Worth

Genesis 11:1-9

Where do you find your worth?

I. Searching for worth

A. The cause of the search (v. 1-2; Gen. 9:1)

B. The nature of the search (v. 3-4)

II. Receiving worth

A. God comes down (v. 5-9; Gen. 28:12; John 1:51)

B. Receiving your name (Rev. 2:17; Acts 2)

APPLICATION GUIDE

1. What does your search for worth look like? How do you attempt to make a name for yourself?
2. How has your search for worth and identity apart from Christ affected your contentment and relationships?
3. How have you seen God graciously rescue you from your futile attempts to make a name for yourself?
4. What characterizes a community of people trying to construct an identity for themselves? What characterizes a community of people receiving their identity from what God has done for them in Christ?

MISSIONARY PRAYER // GETHSEMANE GARDEN CHRISTIAN CENTRE, KENYA



The mission of Gethsemane Garden Christian Centre (GGCC) is to advise, promote and facilitate a locally led Christian boarding school and associated facilities in western Kenya. Its vision is to rescue orphans and vulnerable children, provide them with hope, and to equip them with the Gospel of Jesus Christ to empower them to impact Kenya and the world for His Kingdom.

Since its founding by Naphtaly and Nerea Mattah and a small group of men and women from Calvary Church in Charlotte, GGCC has had a clear calling to serve the orphans and widows (James 1:27). Today GGCC has over 725 students, a grade school/middle school and a high school. The first group of GGCC graduates are now university graduates. Its desire is to see Christian leaders from GGCC become Kenya's Christian leaders of the future.

While the school is not located near any affected areas, the Kenyan government has taken swift action that has impacted their students, forcing the closure of all schools, including private boarding schools such as GGCC. Just as with any school break, students have been sent out as missionaries to their villages and family members and will be monitored closely by school staff. All medical and nutritional needs, as well as any other needs, will be provided for the students by GGCC, despite the unplanned school break. Additionally, students have been given homework to do so they will not fall behind in their studies.

During this time, GGCC is in even greater need of financial support and if you are interested, please email Greg (Greg@GGCCKenya.org) or Heather (Heather@GGCCKenya.org). Please pray for the students and staff at GGCC Kenya as they, like all of us, navigate this challenging time.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

What are they?

The Bible is clear that God has designed life to be lived in dynamic relationships of trust and love. For this reason, Christ Church East also meets weekly in homes throughout the city for food, fellowship, Bible study and prayer. While groups meet weekly, they are not defined by a night of the week or a time on the clock. They are a people increasingly living their lives together and learning how to love one another in gospel community.

How do they work?

Groups are open to people in all seasons and walks of life. Each group provides child care so that the adults can focus on study, sharing, and prayer after a time of food and fellowship. On a regular basis, men and women break out separately to address gender specific needs.

If you are interested in joining a group, fill out a connect card, check the community group box and drop it off at the connect table after the service so that a leader can contact you. You are welcome to try several groups to determine which one might be the best fit for you and your family.

COMMUNITY BIBLE READING // MAY 18 - 24

| Day | Date | Read |
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| Mon | 5/18/20 | Romans 11, Psalm 34 |
| Tues | 5/19/20 | Romans 12-13, Psalm 35 |
| Wed | 5/20/20 | Romans 14-15, Psalm 36 |
| Thurs | 5/21/20 | Romans 16, Psalm 37 |
| Fri | 5/22/20 | Catch-up Day, Psalm 38 |
| Sat | 5/23/20 | 1 Corinthians 1:1-3:4, Psalm 39 |
| Sun | 5/24/20 | 1 Corinthians 3:5-4:21, Psalm 40 |