

Discussion Guide

Series: Origins Wk 5: Let's Make a Name for Ourselves

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Big Idea

Pride is the tipping point where the scale leans toward, “let me make a name for myself” versus “I will trust & cooperate with God’s making a name for Himself through me”.



Icebreaker

The sermon began by reminding us that we are created in the image of God. And that His creation endeavors began in His mind, as do ours. With that, what is something you create, or have created, with the gifts and opportunities He has given you? What is the most impressive human creation to you?



Discussion Questions

1. Read Genesis 11:1-4. At an initial glance, or in its essence, is what the people are planning to do a bad or ungodly thing? Where in this reading (with what statement) does it tip to becoming an ungodly thing? Looking deeper at these verses and focusing on the final part of vs.4, what is really at the core of their desire to build?
2. Read Genesis 11:5-9. What issue is God trying to protect the people from here and why is He doing so?
3. How can success be a bad thing? What happens to God when success becomes a bad thing? Now, for some personal questions: 1) Is there anything you do out to protect yourself instead of more fully trusting God as the result of a deep-rooted fear? How does doing so discredit God? 2) What is an area of your life that you are too self-reliant, resulting in your pushing God to the side?
4. Is it wrong to be ambitious or driven toward success? If you think there is a tipping point from it “not being wrong”, to “becoming wrong” what is that tipping point and how do you protect yourself from getting to it?
5. Read Genesis 12:1-3. What wording difference do we see here, in Genesis 12, as compared to that of Genesis 11:1-4 (Tower of Babel account)? Who is speaking in each? Why is it significant?
6. How can you more securely find your identity in Jesus?



Concluding Question

What do the letters, S.D.G., that music composer, Johann Sebastian Bach, used on every sheet of his written music, mean? What may it look like for you to “write” those same letters down at the completion of every one of your days?



Prayer

Gather the personal prayers from the group. In addition to praying for those, please spend some time praying for our nation as the ever-changing political environment causes jubilation for some but worry & anxiety for others. Help us, as the people of God, to be sensitive and respectful to each of these feelings and situations of others. Help us to also be willing to allow God to change our outlooks on these various things and to thus be ever-increasingly aligned with His heart and what He desires.