

GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

## August 13, 2023 Genesis 11:10-32 "God's Plan for the Nations"

## **QUESTIONS**

(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)

- 1. When you come across a genealogy in Scripture, how do you normally go about handling the text?
- 2. Why are genealogies important? What is significant about the genealogy in Genesis 11 specifically?
- 3. Tony spoke of the particular word play with the Hebrew word for "name," which is "shem." In what ways has our study of Genesis thus far focused on the importance of one's name?
  - a. What ways are you tempted to "make a name for yourself" in your current context?
- 4. In the last portion of Genesis 11, God is in the process of calling Abram's (Abraham's) family out of a comfortable, prosperous pagan context into a "land he has not seen." What is an example of a time that God called you to leave comfort or security and act in faith?
- 5. Tony refers to the story of Abraham as one of his faith and God's faithfulness. How does knowledge of Abraham's life and story encourage you in the Christian life of faith?
- 6. The final verses of Genesis 11(v. 31-32) provide the lineage that doesn't end with Abraham, but instead leads to Jesus. With this knowledge in mind, what are ways we can encourage each other in this group when discussing other portions of Scripture this semester?
  - a. How can rightly understanding this text help us to pursue people who are different from us (spiritually, socio-economically, generationally, racially, ethnically, etc.) with the hope of Jesus?