

LIFE Group Guide  
Judgment  
January 27, 2019  
Genesis 11:1-9



**Prayer Request:** Thank God for his grace in restraining the power of sin in the world. Pray for the person to your right, that through the Spirit they would walk in obedience and put to death works of disobedience. Ask God to guide your group's discussion and grant a clear understanding of His Word.

**Icebreaker Question(s):** What languages have you learned or attempted to learn? Have you ever struggled to communicate with someone across linguistic or other barriers?

**Read Genesis 11:1-9:**

11 Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. <sup>2</sup> And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> 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." <sup>5</sup> And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." <sup>8</sup> So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. <sup>9</sup> 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.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. As you heard the word of God preached or read, what did the Holy Spirit remind you of, challenge you with, convict you of, or encourage you in? Did you have any questions or was anything unclear?
2. Read Genesis 11:1-9. What do the people build? Why do they build what they build? Where do you see this in the text?
3. Why are the people's actions problematic in God's sight? Where do you see this in Genesis 11? Why is their gathering together a problem, given God's earlier commands elsewhere in Genesis? (See Genesis 1:28, 9:1.)
4. What do you think about the common sentiment in our culture today that people are generally good? How does this square with the early chapters of Genesis?
5. Where have you seen the reality of the power of sin in your own life? When have you been tempted to do what God prohibits? When have you been tempted to refrain from doing what he has commanded you to do?
6. How does God restrain the effects of sin in our world? Can you think of a time when you have personally experienced God restraining sin and its effects in your life? What was that like?
7. Have you ever thought about why we have multiple languages in the world today? Read Revelation 7:9-12. What has God done to reconcile to himself and to one another people from every nation, tribe, people, and language?
8. Discuss as a LIFE Group: Read Matthew 28:18-20. What did Christ charge his disciples to do in the Great Commission? How might God be calling you to fulfill this Commission to make disciples of all nations? Where might he be calling you to go? How might he be calling you to fulfill this commission where he's currently placed you?

**Prayer:** Salvation belongs to you, our Father, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to you, our God, forever and ever! Amen. (*Adapted from Revelation 7:9-12*).