Genesis 10-11 The Tower of Babel November 10, 2019 Discussion Notes

Everyone is encouraged to bring a Bible

(Phone apps are good for reading together in the same translation. Study Bibles give help with interpretation.)





Questions:

- 1. Has anyone in the group had DNA testing done? What did you discover? Were there any surprises?
- 2. What do you remember about each of the main points of the sermon? (seen above). What in the sermon challenged you? Do you have any questions to bring up?
- 3. Read Genesis 11:4 and 2 Samuel 8:13-15 (in the ESV or NASB translation). Why was it wrong for the builders of Babel to make a name for themselves when King David didn't seem to get in trouble for making a name for himself?
- 4. Read Daniel 4:1-37
 - a) What was Nebuchadnezzar's sin that led to God's discipline?
 - b) People tend to want an easy, comfortable, successful life (see v. 4). What are the potential pitfalls of such a life?
 - c) How are Nebuchadnezzar's words related to the words Christians commonly pray in the Lord's prayer? (See the footnote on Matthew 6:13). How are they different?
 - d) How did God deal with Nebuchadnezzar? How has God dealt with pride in your own life?
 - e) How did Nebuchadnezzar's perspective change because of his ordeal? (see vv. 34-35).
 - f) Who wrote Daniel 4 and why? (see vv. 1-3)
- 5. Read 2 Kings 5:1-14
 - a) In what ways can a serious illness make a person more or less inclined to God?
 - b) What was Naaman's reaction to the instructions to wash in the Jordan? Why do you think this was?
 - c) How did Naaman's servants reason with him to help him overcome his pride?
 - d) How did it help Naaman that God (through Elisha) chose the Jordan to wash and heal him?
 - e) How can our unwillingness to humble ourselves actually deprive us of good gifts from God?
- 6. Read 1 Peter 5:6. What are the benefits of being humble?
- 7. Read Philippians 2:5-11
 - a) In what ways did Jesus humble himself?
 - b) What were the results of his humility?
 - c) How would our lives and relationships be different if we were to have the same attitude as Christ?
 - d) How can we grow in this area?
- 8. Share prayer requests and pray together. Pray that we would all grow in humility and Christ-likeness.