

THE PLAN

4. The Tower (Genesis 9-11) *October 2, 2021*

Story Coordinates (Genesis 8:15-9:7)

People (Who is the story about?)

Place (Where is their home?)

Presence (How can they meet with God?)

Purpose (What did God tell them to do?)

What did they do? (Genesis 11:1-4)

- They combined all their power and _____ in one _____.
- They tried to build a tower that would _____ God's _____ to the Earth.

How did God respond? (Genesis 11:5-9)

- God came down and saw that they were on a _____.
- God confused their languages to _____ their ability to work _____.
- God intervened so that he could accomplish his plan to _____ . (Genesis 12:1-3)

The Moral of the Story

- God has delegated _____ to us—and we often _____ it.
- God gives us _____ to protect us from _____ and keep us on his plan.

Spoiler Alert:

- God's plan is to restore us to our _____ through Jesus Christ. (Revelation 5:9-10)

Small Group Questions

1. Getting Started:

- What did you find most interesting about the sermon this week? The most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
- If you were capable of doing anything, how would your life be different? Would it be better or worse?

2. Into the Bible (Read Psalm 23)

- Psalm 23 depicts God as a shepherd. What is the job of a shepherd? What do they do for the sheep?
- In Psalm 23, God comforts his people with his rod and staff. How does a shepherd use his rod and staff? How do we see God using his rod and staff at the Tower of Babylon?
- Facing limitations and failures can be scary for us. Where do we see that experience described in Psalm 23?

- What is the end result of God's shepherding? Where is God leading us?

3. Going Deeper

- Have you ever had a "Tower of Babel" experience, where you thought you were doing something good and the door got shut in your face? What was it like?
- Have you ever had an experience where what God gave you turned out to be better than what you wanted?
- Paul says he is glad about his weaknesses. As Christians, why should we be glad that we have limits? How can that help us to be faithful and content?

4. Prayer

- Prayer for each other as you face your own limitations, to trust in God and rely on his power.