Study Guide on Genesis 11:1-9

New Revised Standard Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study. Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

- 1. What does this verse say?
- 2. What does this verse mean to me?
- 3. Discuss your answers with the class.

Genesis 11:1-9

- (Genesis 11:1) Now the whole earth had one language and the same words.
- (Genesis 11:2) And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there.
- (Genesis 11:3) 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.
- (Genesis 11:4) 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; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth."
- (Genesis 11:5) The LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built.
- (Genesis 11:6) And the LORD said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them.
- (Genesis 11:7) Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech."
- (Genesis 11:8) So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city.
- (Genesis 11:9) Therefore it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

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Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?2. What does the verse mean to me?