

Genesis 10-11 Daily Study Questions (cont)

<p>4. From Gen 10:21-31 who was Shem the father of (v21) and why is this pointed out? What event happened during Peleg's days (v25)? Where did they live (v30)?</p>	
<p>5. Based on 10:32 how were the peoples of the earth divided? What was God's purpose behind this (see Acts 17:26-27)?</p>	
<p>6. Read 11:1-4. Describe the community of man after the flood (v1, 2). What did they decide to do (v3, 4) and why (v4)? Apply.</p>	
<p>7. Looking at 11:5-9 what did God's inspection reveal (v5) and what was His analysis (v6)? How did He respond to this (v7-9) and what are the implications for us today?</p>	
<p>8. Using 11:10-25 whose descendants are listed (v10-11)? Who were his famous sons (v14, 16, 24)? Why would this matter to the Jews?</p>	
<p>9. According to 10:26-28 who were Terah's sons and grandson (v27)? What happened to Haran (v28) and what impact did this have on Abram?</p>	
<p>10. From 10:29-32 what else happened to Terah's family (v29, 30, 31)? Where did they all go (v31-32)?</p>	
<p>11. As you look at Gen 10-11, what is the significance of our common ancestry, of being grouped into families, of being given different languages, and of God's working with certain individuals to save the world?</p>	

Scripture to Remember

"And the Lord said, Behold they are one people and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them."

Genesis 11:6 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—Our Common Structure

(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Let each person share what aspect of "church" they get the most out of—like the preaching, the worship, the ABFs, the Life Groups, the Support groups, serving, etc.
2. How would you define "fellowship", and can people in the world have it? Why is unity essential for fellowship, and on what level must we have unity?
3. What is the difference between voting and affirmation? Why is affirmation necessary for certain things, but not all things in carrying out the work of the church?
4. In what sense is the church a family? How should we fulfill that image as we do God's work together?
5. How does the church function like a body? What body part are you and how can you use it in the church? How do you discover this?
6. Discuss the four reasons for membership—biblical, cultural, practical, and personal. In light of these reasons why do you think people still don't "join" a local church?
7. If there is anything else from the message that impressed you, share it.



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Introduction to Genesis 10-11

The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God's pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God's family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

There is a local bank whose tag line is "We're from here", letting us know that they are not some "out of state" intruder. There is a sense of understanding that derives from knowing where one is from. This is what this week's study provides—a point of origin that can help us with greater knowledge about who we are. Genesis 10 reveals what has been called the "Table of Nations". In it seventy nations are listed from which all the current groupings of people came. These seventy nations descended from the three sons of Noah, informing us that we all have a common father, and in a distant way are all related to each other. Japheth's descendants are typically European and Asian, while Ham's offspring settled primarily in Africa

and Canaan. Nimrod, a mighty hunter and founder of the Assyrian empire was their most famous descendant. Shem, whose descendants included the Jews, would eventually have Abram as his most famous successor. All these nations settled by families according to God's purpose to allow them to seek and find Him, based on Acts 17:26-27. Next, the Tower of Babel fiasco is detailed. Some time after the flood all of the peoples came together near Babel to build a tall tower that would enable them to make a name for themselves, and leave dependence on God out of the picture. They did not want to be scattered everywhere and fill the earth, so they defied God by building an astrological tower. When God observed this He knew that man would be too power-



From the beginning God's plan for His world has been very good.

ful in his rebellion as long as they were united, so He gave them different languages, leading to their dispersion. Finally, the tree of Abram is traced. Beginning with Shem Abram's forefathers are named, including Eber, from whom the name "Hebrew" derives. Eventually, Abram's father, Terah, whose son Haran has just died, moves his other two sons with their wives and Lot, Haran's son, from Ur to the town, Haran, where he finally dies. So, with all the nations in place and Abram's line about to begin all can say, "We're from here."

Daily Study Questions for Genesis 10-11

(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to www.celebrationnet.com, small groups, abf)

<p>1. Read Genesis 10:1-5. Whose history is introduced here (v1) and whose families were delineated first (v2-4)? Where did they settle and how were they divided (v5)?</p>	
<p>2. Looking at 10:6-14 whose descendants were listed next (v6-7) and who was their most famous one (v8-9)? What was he like (v8-9) and what kingdoms did he begin (v10-14)?</p>	
<p>3. Using 10:15-20 who were Canaan's tribes (v15-18) and where did they settle (v19-20)? What ominous places did this include (v19)?</p>	

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