

Genesis: The Book That Started It All

Group Guide | October 5

Open with questions and a prayer (20 minutes).

Open your group time by asking everyone to share how this Genesis series has impacted them thus far. You may ask questions like the following:

- How has God used Genesis overall to challenge you or encourage you?
- What do you think God has been growing in you through this series thus far?
- In what ways has Genesis encouraged your faith?

After you've chatted through these, continue your group time with a word of prayer.

Read and reflect on Genesis 11. Then, pray (45 minutes).

Read Genesis 11.

- In this sermon, Gary walked through the passage verse by verse. What stood out to you from his message?
- What is something you learned? What resonated with or challenged you?

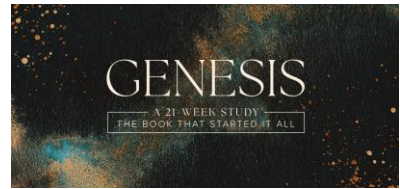
Let's reflect on each of the three questions Gary ended his sermon with:

FOR WHOSE GLORY ARE YOU LIVING?

- If someone were to ask you, "For whose glory are you living?" how would you answer?
- **Read Isaiah 43:7.** Whose glory *are we* to live for? What does that mean?
- What would living more for God's glory look like?

WHO ARE THE OTHERS IN YOUR LIFE?

- Are the people ("the others") in your life pushing you *towards* God or away? Explain.
- **Read 1 Corinthians 15:33 and Psalm 1:1-2.** How does community shape us – for good or for bad?
- What might it mean for you to pursue faithful-to-Jesus community in a deeper way or for your current Christian community to press deeper into faithfulness to Jesus?



HOW DISTANT ARE YOU FROM GOD?

- The people of Babel appeared to be ascending towards God but that couldn't be further from the truth. As you look at the habits of your life (church attendance, life group involvement, tithing, etc.), does the fruit of your life point to a relationship with Christ or are there other priorities that are front and center in your life?
- **Read Revelation 3:15-16.** What might it look like for you to take a step in the direction of God (who has already come down for you in Christ!)?

Come together as a large group for prayer requests and prayer (5 minutes).

As you end your group time, share your prayer requests. Have someone record them and send them out to everyone. Then, finish by having someone pray over your group.