Unit 1, Session 5 – THE GOSPEL PROJECT

HUMANITY REBELS

CORE PASSAGE: GENESIS 11:1-9

KEY CONCEPT

Humanity rebels against God's commands and needs to be restrained.

DAILY READINGS

Day 1: Genesis 10:1-20

Day 2: Genesis 10:21-32

Day 3: Genesis 11:1-4

Day 4: Genesis 11:5-9

Day 5: Genesis 11:10-26

Day 6: Psalm 96

MEMORY VERSE

"Just as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive." 1 Corinthians 15:22

PERSONAL PREPARATION

SIN CAUSES US TO REBEL AGAINST GOD'S COMMANDS (GENESIS 11:1-4).

Circle the words that emphasize oneness and unity. How many times did the people emphasize their unity?

1 The whole earth had the same language and vocabulary. 2 As people migrated from the east, they found a valley in the land of Shinar and settled there. 3 They said to each other, "Come, let's make oven-fired bricks." (They used brick for stone and asphalt for mortar.) 4 And they said, "Come, let's build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the sky. Let's make a name for ourselves; otherwise, we will be scattered throughout the earth."

Why do you think it is so easy to disobey God?

What are some ways we try to come to God on our own terms?

THE LORD RESTRAINS SIN AND ACCOMPLISHES HIS WILL (GENESIS 11:5-9).

Underline words that are repeated in the text.

5 Then the LORD came down to look over the city and the tower that the humans were building. 6 The LORD said, "If they have begun to do this as one people all having the same language, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. 7 Come, let's go down there and confuse their language so that they will not understand one another's speech." 8 So from there the LORD scattered them throughout the earth, and they stopped building the city. 9 Therefore it is called Babylon, for there the LORD confused the language of the whole earth, and from there the LORD scattered them throughout the earth.

How does God restrain sin today?

How can we be a group that refuses to "settle" and instead "scatters" and "goes" in obedience to the Great Commission?

Actions and Motives	
Read Genesis 11:1-9 and write down the various actions of the people seen in this passage and those of God as well. Then write down the corresponding motives.	
ACTIONS	MOTIVES
HUMANITY	
GOD	
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What insights about humanity or God did you glean from this activity?

What are some of your motives in the various spiritual acts that you do, and what are some ways to keep our motives in check?

HEAD, HEART, HANDS
Head:
Why do you think God allowed the people to begin a tower they would not finish before scattering them as He had commanded?
Heart:
How does the church reflect true unity with diverse groups of people throughout the world?
Hands:
How can you help someone who may not look, think, or speak like you to understand the good news of Jesus Christ this week?
PRAYING SCRIPTURE
Psalm 96:1-3