

Sermon Notes

Genesis 10-11:9

This week we learned about the creation of nations, peoples, languages and lands. God's desire for His image-bearers was to multiply on the earth so that His glory could be seen in all of His world. Unfortunately, sin in the heart of man created a desire for them to stay in one place to build a city, worship who and what they wanted and to expand their own greatness. Even though the people rebelled against God, He demonstrated His miraculous grace. Rather than punishing His people again He chose to confuse their languages so that they were forced to scatter out across the globe. God's confusion of language allowed for the development of cultures, ethnicities and people groups. These are all wonderful things when we understand that we are all of value to God.

Here are some notes to review from this week's sermon...

The Creation of Nations

Genesis 10-11:9

God's Word demonstrates that...

His plans for His people and His world will always prevail (Chapter 10)

His understanding of language and race differs from ours (1)

His image-bearers prefer to expand their own greatness rather than His glory (2-4)

His grace extends even to people are completely rebellious (5-9)

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week you can now watch it here. After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group now is a great time to get involved. Please visit bravechurch.online/connect/group and we will get you connected with a community that will work for you.

Questions

1. What is the purpose of the genealogy in Chapter 10? In demonstrating the breadth (or coverage) of the earth what does the genealogy in chapter 10 teach us?
2. How were all the nations created when none of God's people were being obedient to what He said at the time? Why is it important that we learn that God's plans for His people and His world always prevail? Where in your life have you been fighting against God's plan for you? Where in your life have you been fighting against God's plan for the world?

3. How many languages were there at the beginning? How many races were there at the beginning? If there are over 6,500 languages now, how many races are there today? Why is it imperative to understand that there is only one race? What happens if we don't believe that we are all equally important to God?
4. If there is only one race then where do we get our skin color? How does genetics and geography play a role in our skin color? Who gave you your skin color? What does God think about your skin color? Should you apologize for your skin color?
5. Is racism real? Where in the Bible do we first read about racism? (see Numbers 12) Why was Miriam upset with Moses? Did Miriam have a right to be upset that Moses married someone who had darker skin than their family? How does God respond to Miriam for her complaint? What is the irony of Miriam complaining about dark skin only to have hers turn completely white with leprosy? Why did God wait a week to heal Miriam? What does this story communicate to you about how much God hates racism?
6. What should we do as believers when we see or experience racism or any other form of injustice? How important is it that we fight for justice in every area? In addition to racism, what other sins of injustice do you see in our world? What are you personally willing to do about it?
7. If God is against racism and it is a sin, then why does it exist? Why has it been accelerated? How has Charles Darwin's understanding of the world led to an expansion of racism? How did you feel when you were listening to quotes from Darwin's book, *The Descent of Man*? How have his racist views of white supremacy shaped our world? Why was Adolf Hitler influenced so much by his writings?
8. Why do we continue to allow Charles Darwin to be taught as fact to our young people today? What can you personally do to teach the Word to our young people so that our next generation becomes more influenced by the LORD?
9. What was the heart of the people who wanted to build a city, tower and name for themselves? What was the problem with that? Where do you see people who want to live for themselves, worship how they want, and attempt to expand their greatness rather than the glory of God? What were the people of time trying to avoid? Why is attempting to avoid God's will a foolish proposition? How important is it for you to understand that God will always see His ways accomplished?
10. Why did God have to "go down" to see what they had built? What does this tell us about His glory? What do we learn about God in that He didn't hurt anyone, just confused their languages? How does God's grace continue to expand His glory on the planet? How incredible will it be when people from every tribe, tongue and nation gather before the throne of God?

11. What was most significant for you from this week's message? What is a step of faith you can make today based on what God taught you?