

Bible Study Questions

A Tale of Two Cities Genesis 11:1-9, Hebrews 11:8-16

1. What does the story of Babel teach us about human ambition and divine sovereignty? (Prov 14:12, 16:9, Isaiah 45:7–9)
2. How might the narrative of Babel and its consequences speak to our present-day context of globalisation and technological advancement? What does it mean for unity apart from the gospel? (Psalm 2, 127:1, John 10:14-16, Gal 3:23-29)
3. How does the scattering of people across the earth align with the biblical command to "fill the earth"? (Gen 1:28, 9:1) How does God's intervention at Babel resonate with the concept of divine providence? (Psalm 104:27–30, Acts 17:26–27)
4. How does Genesis 11 emphasize the importance of humility in our relationship with God? (Gen 11:4, 9; Prov 11:2, 15:33; Micah 6:8, Luke 14:3, Mark 10:45, I Cor 1:28-29, James 4:10)
5. In which ways is Abraham put forward in Hebrews 11 as a model of faith and how does that contrast with the people of Babel? (Gen 11:2-4, Heb 11: 8-10)
6. How should Hebrews' assessment of Abraham and his family's experience in exile cause us to examine our focus and priorities, individually, in our families and as the church? (Heb 11:9, 13-16, I Peter 1:17-19, 2:9-11)