



## Discussion Guide

### Section #8: THE TOWER OF BABEL

**Read to the Group:** In the story of the tower of Babel, we see that people began to worship God's creation rather than the Creator. Through their pride in building a beautiful city, they took their focus off of God and instead cared only about their own lives and interests.

#### Group Questions:

1. What are some things that people worship, honor, or focus attention on in today's society?
2. What happens when we worship or honor creation (our things, our jobs, etc.) above all else?

**Leader Information:** They may say such things as: earning money, building fame and power, even family- especially honoring one person over another.

**Read to the Group:** These wrong focuses can cause problems in our health and relationships. When we place undue emphasis on ourselves and interests, we become self centered not God centered. This can influence us to make poor moral choices, possibly cheating or deceiving others.

This self-sufficient view leads us to pride and makes us unaware of our own weaknesses. When we place God first our priorities are rearranged into the right order. Remember Adam and Eve? God wanted the best for them. God wants the best for us. He wants us to enjoy life, but when we focus our attention away from God, ultimately there are deadly consequences.

#### Read this Scripture to the Group:

“Seek ye first the kingdom of God and all these things shall be added unto you”  
(Matthew 6:33).



#### Show the Following Segment from the *God's Story* video:

“Many years after Noah” (People moving across valley)...through...  
“causing people to scatter abroad”  
(People moving away from the tower) 1 minute, 17 seconds



**Read to the Group:** Satan is a deceiver and he wants to convince societies that they should go their own way and not God's. Satan knew how to turn the hearts of the people in Babel away from God. But, it was their choice to turn away. As the number of people grew, they moved further and further away from God.

Still, the rainbow was a frequent reminder to them that God had a plan for them, but many turned away from God. Evil in the world grew just as it had before the flood. God had instructed man to populate the earth. Instead they congregated in this one city. They built it with great self-centered pride.

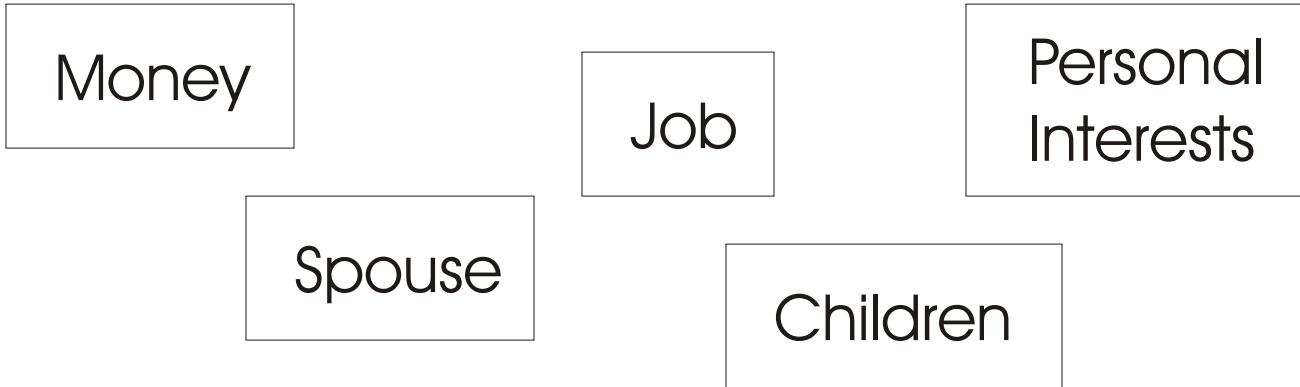
They began to worship man made idols rather than the living God. They worshiped idols made to resemble people, birds, animals, and reptiles. They also worshiped the sun, the moon, and the stars. They began to worship the objects of creation rather than the creator. To break up this man-centered direction, God broke their unity when he caused them to speak different languages, thus scattering them abroad. But God did not abandon the people. He continued through the years to try to draw them to Him.

**Transition Statement:** Well, sadly mankind did not appreciate the new start God gave them. Instead they tried to organize against Him. What else can God do to give mankind a chance to prove themselves faithful? We will watch more of the *God's Story* video of the Bible and find out now (*or* next time when we meet).



## The Block Illustration

Picture in your mind scattered building blocks labeled job, family, interests, hobbies... (You can draw these two pictures on paper to hold up for class to view or use our illustrations).



Picture a large base block with other blocks neatly stacked on top like a wall. This represents building our life foundation on a solid base of trusting God.

