

Judgment - 1/27 Discussion Questions

Genesis 11:1-9

Review

“What is an idol? It is anything more important to you than God, anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God, anything you seek to give you what only God can give... ‘If I have that, then I’ll feel my life has meaning, then I’ll know I have value, then I’ll feel significant and secure.” Tim Keller, *Counterfeit Gods*

THE ROOTS OF IDOLATRY	THE ROOTS OF GODLINESS
Self-Reliance (11:3) <i>“I’m in control”</i>	Trust God’s Word (Prov. 3:5) <i>“God is in control”</i>
Self-Focus (11:4a) <i>“I do what I want”</i>	Commit to God’s Will (Matt. 6:10) <i>“I do what God wants”</i>
Self-Exaltation (11:4b) <i>“It’s all about me”</i>	Worship God Alone (Php. 1:21) <i>“It’s all about Jesus”</i>

Connect

1. What’s the biggest construction project you’ve ever been a part of? What did you build?
2. What do you think are the most prominent idols for people today - money, sex, power, achievement, romance, fame, security, comfort...?

Read Genesis 11:1-9

Discuss

3. What did this tower represent to the people building it?
4. Why was their plan to build a city and tower such a problem for God? (See Genesis 8:17; 9:1; 9:7)
5. Why do you think God chose to confuse their language, as opposed to some other form of judgment?
6. How does this story parallel that of the early church in Acts 8:1?

Apply

8. What towers have you been building lately? How do you struggle with self-reliance, self-focus and self-exaltation?
9. How can we better cultivate the roots of godliness in our lives?

Pray

10. How can we pray for you this week?