

# The Story

## Tower of Babel

Sherwood Oaks Christian Church

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This section didn't actually make the cut for the publication of "The Story," but Tom's going to be preaching from this section of scripture anyway. You can find it in Genesis, chapter 11 verses 1-9.

1. **Tell about a time when you encountered a language barrier.** Maybe you have a funny story or maybe you've seen a memorable scene in a movie or TV show.
2. **What would be the benefits of everyone on the planet speaking the same language?**
3. **When you read of the people coming together to build a city and tower, did that strike you as a negative or a positive goal?**
4. **Why did God say he put a stop to their efforts?**
5. **Why do you think he would confuse their languages to stop them as opposed to sending down fireballs from heaven or a massive flood to destroy their work?**
6. **Compared to their city and tower, how do our cities/cultures/civilizations stack up? Do you think our strength as a community or nation or coalition of nations poses a problem for God today?**
7. Consider the possibility that God's earlier command to "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth" (Genesis 9:1) was being impeded by the people coming together to do something great instead of spreading out. **Are there any commands from God that you are overlooking in your attempts to do something good or great in your world?** If you were God, what methods might you employ to "redirect" a person like yourself to follow God's commands.