



# What are you building?

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Genesis 11:1-9

*“Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth”*

Genesis 1:28 & 9:1

## Should I stay or should I go? (Gen.11:1-2)

*“Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. As men moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.”*

## Grand Designs (V.3-4)

*“Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth.”*

### Interested in our plans (V.5)

*“...the Lord came down to see the city and the tower that the men were building.”*

### Setting a limit (V.6-7)

*“...nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them”*

### A better plan (V.8-9)

*“From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth”*

*“The LORD had said to Abram “Leave your country, your people and your father’s household and go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing... and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”*

**Genesis 12:1-3.**

*“But I, when I am lifted up from the earth will draw all men to myself”.*

John 12:32

*“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place... All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them.”*

Acts 2: 1 & 4

*“After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no-one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the lamb.”*

Revelation 7:9

Reflection / Conversation starter:

*Where do you find your security in life?*



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## Growth group questions

You will find it helpful to have heard the talk so why not listen at:

<http://leightonbaptists.org.uk/media-links/current-teaching/>

*Some of these questions are personal and others are more general. Feel free to pick and choose which questions your group will find most helpful.*

1. **Read Genesis 11: 1-4.** How might wanting to 'make a name for yourself' conflict with God's plan for your life?
2. Is it wrong to want to settle down and feel secure?
3. **Read verse 5.** What do you think God would say about the lives people are building for themselves today? What might He say about the church?
3. **Read verses 6-7.** How might God's actions here be viewed as both an act of judgement and an act of grace?
4. **Read verse 8.** Are there things God wants you to leave behind and stop building? Why might it be hard to give them up?
5. **Read verse 9.** What warning, if any, should we take from God's actions in this story? What comfort can we take from God's involvement?
6. **Read through Psalm 33 either on your own or together.** How should we respond? Perhaps do so in prayer.

*Pray for one another, that your hope would be in Jesus alone and that He would give you courage to build your lives on Him.*