



## Work Becomes Selfish

Genesis 11:2-4

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**Our goal in discipleship is to experience the following areas; together, in Christ, by the Spirit.**

### The love of our God and King (UP)

- 1) **Read Genesis 11:2-4.** What were the people seeking to do at the tower of Babel that was good? What about it was selfish? What were possible underlying motives for that selfishness?
- 2) **Read Genesis 11:5-9.** Why did God thwart the peoples' efforts? What do you think this reveals about God's character? What is it He wants for us? This really needs to be answered in light of what we know of Him elsewhere in Scripture as well.
- 3) In *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis points out that pride is competitive. It is not about wanting something but about wanting more of it than someone else. Not being rich or beautiful or athletic but being richer, more beautiful or more athletically gifted. What does selfishness say about our opinion of God and each other?

#### **Discussion Guidelines:**

- Participate honestly. Your questions and opinions are valued.
- Keep each comment to 2-3 min. Allow others to make comments before weighing in again.
- Try to participate for most questions, but everyone has the right to pass.
- Try to stay on topic.
- We are here to support one another, not "fix" one another.
- Speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ (Ephesians 4:15).
- What is shared in the group stays in the group.

### Ongoing transformation as Kingdom citizens (IN)

- 4) What are your greatest strengths?
- 5) How much do you assume your strengths are the results of your work? How much do you acknowledge them as gifts or opportunities granted by God?
- 6) None of us are perfect. Why do you personally become selfish in your work and what does that look like? What are you most likely trying to gain or protect? Identity? Security? Value? Something else?

### Life as Kingdom service (OUT)

- 7) Think of one area in which you struggle with selfishness in your work. How can you surrender the gifts (ie. talents, abilities) and opportunities (ie. resources, circumstances) that God has given you to serve others and glorify God instead?
- 8) It is impossible for us to learn to be less selfish in isolation. Who will you partner with for accountability and encouragement as you learn to keep your trust and focus on God?