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Application Questions

1. How do you view the other ethnic groups in the world? Do you view them as a mistake or the result of God's blessing? Do you have elevated thoughts about your own individual ethnicity, culture and social norms? Do you look down on any particular ethnic group? How can you personally celebrate God's plan of diversity in the world?
2. What were the three major sins that the people of Genesis 11:1-9 commit? Are any of these sins evident in your own life? What was so bad about building a tower "with its top in the heavens?" (Certainly architecture wasn't a sin. What does the phrase 'in the heavens' imply?)
3. God Himself acknowledged the great ingenuity of the people in Genesis 11 saying, "nothing they propose to do will now be impossible for them." Where did these people get this great ability? What abilities has God given you? Are you using your abilities for your own glory and honor (like them) or are you using them for the glory of God? How can we all fall into the same sin as the people at the tower of Babel?
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