

Why Babylon?

- The Babylonian way of living could also be described as _____.
- Gods ways are _____ than the ways of the world.
- God is calling his people to not be like the people of Babylon, but rather be a _____ to the whole world.
- In many ways, Genesis 12 is in _____ to the Tower of Babel story.

The Ways of Babylon

- They wanted _____ to be known, not the name of Yahweh.
- It's clear that God wanted his people _____.
- They thought of scattering _____ and not a blessing.
- As God's people, we should know our sinful selves enough to understand that we should never force people _____.
- We are called to _____ into a relationship with the living God.

The Ways of God's Kingdom

- Genesis 12:2-3

- God called Abraham out of his hometown to a _____.
- God declared that _____ was great, not Abraham himself.
- Abraham listened to God's call on his life and didn't _____ that God spoke to him for his own advantage

God's Response

- v. 6-8
- In their prideful minds, _____ could be accomplished by them. They were getting to _____ status in the world.
- Empires with too much power _____. Individuals with too much pride _____.
- He causes us to be humble even when we _____.
- While we were still sinners, Christ died for us, even when we _____.
- The reality is, our names _____. What really matters is having our true identity in him, which will last _____.

How will you respond to God's word today?

Reflection Questions

1. What's important about the origins of Babylon?
2. Why do we trust in our own ability rather than in God's control?
3. Describe the differences between Babylon and God's promise to make Abraham into a great nation.
4. How do you stay humble as a follower of Jesus?
5. How is God getting your attention?
6. What is God saying to you?
7. What are you going to do about it?