

## Week 5 TWS- "Staircase to Heaven"

We are thankful for Jamie Fullington coming and bringing the word. Jamie is currently in our Connection Church Network as our 11th church planter. Jamie and his family will be planting the next Connection Church in Oconee County. Please be in prayer for him, his family and the team that will be going with him.

Read: Genesis 11:1-9

**Big Idea:** 

When we use God's gifts to glorify ourselves rather than Him, He lovingly intervenes—even through discomfort—to accomplish His redemptive plan for all people through Jesus.

Ouestions:

Point 1: We use God's gifts to serve ourselves rather than serve Him.

- 1. What are some specific gifts or talents God has given you (e.g., leadership, creativity, communication, resources)? How are you currently using them—for His glory or your
- 2. Where in your life are you tempted to "make a name for yourself"? (career, social media, family reputation, ministry success, etc.)
- 3. Are there any ways you've been building your own "tower" (comfort, success, influence) instead of building God's kingdom? What would it look like to surrender that to God?
- 4. How can your small group hold each other accountable to use your gifts to serve God and others rather than yourselves?

## Point 2: God allows us to experience temporary discomfort so that we can have eternal comfort through Jesus.

- 1. Think about a time when your plans were disrupted. In hindsight, how did God use that disruption to grow or redirect you spiritually?
- 2. Are you currently in a season of discomfort, confusion, or waiting? How might God be working in that?
- 3. What would change in your mindset if you saw life's interruptions not as punishments but as invitations to trust God more deeply?
- 4. How can this group support one another through seasons of discomfort in a way that points each other to the comfort of Jesus?

## Point 3: God scatters the people at Babel for the redemption of ALL people.

- 1. How does knowing that God has a global redemptive purpose challenge your view of vour daily life and routines?
- 2. Are there people around you—neighbors, coworkers, classmates—from different cultures or backgrounds whom God might be calling you to engage?
- 3. What specific step can you take this week to move toward someone different from you with love, hospitality, or the message of Jesus?
  4. How can you live with a "scattered for the sake of the gospel" mindset rather than a
- "settled in comfort" mindset?

## **Closing Prayer:**

- Thank God for His gifts and ask for help to use them for His glory.
- Invite God to work through your discomfort for your good and His mission.
- Pray for boldness to live on mission with a heart for all people.
- Pray for Jamie Fullington, his family and his team.

