

The Story Begins: The Spirit-Filled Life
Genesis 11:1-9
2-2-20

I. The Spirit Filled Life in Genesis – Living a God-Centered Life by Being Dependent Upon the Holy Spirit.

1. Closeness. (Genesis 1:1-2)

Deuteronomy 32:10-11 – "God encircled him...Like an eagle ...that flutters (Hovers) over its young..."

2. Fullness. (Genesis 2:5-7)
3. Empowerment. (Genesis 2:15)

II. The Self-Centered Life in Genesis – Living a Self-Exalting Life by Walking in Self-Reliance.

1. Lack of Faith in God. (Genesis 11:1-2)

Genesis 1:28 – "And God blessed them. And God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it...'"

2. Love of Comfort and Preference. (Genesis 11:2)
3. Making a Name for Ourselves. (Genesis 11:3-4)
4. Unconcerned about Other's Eternity. (Genesis 11:4)

Mark 16:15 – "Jesus said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.'"

Be always praying
Listen to People
Eat with People
Serve People
Share the Good News



Investing in at least 3 friends who do not yet follow Jesus by connecting with them through hospitality and the good news of Jesus Christ.



Intentionally praying for our 3 unreached friends and our prayer goals for at least 3 minutes each week.



Sharing stories of how we are living out our purpose of **Loving God, Loving Others, and Making Disciples.**

5. Pursuit of Human Praise. (Genesis 11:4)

John 5:44 – "Jesus asked, 'How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?'"

6. Confusion. (Genesis 11:5-7)

7. Failure. (Genesis 11:8-9)

2 Corinthians 5:15 – "He died...that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves...(we) will live for Christ..." NLT

1 Corinthians 14:25 – "God is really among you!" NIV

Acts 1:8 – "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you...you will be my witnesses...to (all) the earth."

Questions to Grow Deeper

1. What comes to your mind when you hear "Spirit-filled?"
2. What are some ways we as Christians can seek to "make a name for ourselves"?
3. How do you see God's mercy in Genesis 11?
4. When was a time God judged your attempt to build your own personal kingdom? What changes took place after He corrected you?
5. How did the Holy Spirit work in and through the life of Jesus and what does that mean for our daily living? (Luke 1:35, Luke 3:22, 4:1, 14, 18-19, Matthew 12:28, John 3:34, Acts 10:38, Romans 8:11, 1 John 2:6)
6. Read Zech. 4:6 and Ephesians 5:18. Ask to be yielded to and filled by the Holy Spirit.