- 1. What were some of the clear rules in your home growing up? Which ones did you struggle with the most? Why?
- 2. Read Genesis 11:1–4. List how the text describes the state of mind of the people as they build the tower. What values do their actions reveal?
- 3. In v4, the text says the goal was for the tower to extend "with its top to the heavens." How is it likely that the people of the Ancient Near East would have thought about a tower like this? What significance did it have for pagan worship? How do people in our society tend to try to "build towers" in the same way?
- 4. Read Genesis 11:5. Why is it ironic that the Lord comes down here?
- 5. Read Genesis 11:6–8. What does the Lord do about the people's plan? Why is this important in God's scheme to recover his Edenic design for the Cosmos?
- 6. Read Genesis 11:9. How do God's actions reinforce his commitment to his original design, despite mankind's rebellion?
- 7. How does the genealogy of Ham in Genesis 10:6–20 demonstrate the foolishness of the people trying to build the tower?
- 8. How do the genealogies of Japheth and, more specifically, Shem, in Genesis 10:1–5, 21–32 and Genesis 11:10–26 represent God's blessing?
- 9. In what ways can you more fully submit to God's blessing today?