

# Small Group Questions

## Sermon Based Small Groups – January 1, 2012

Adult Education – Woodbury Community Church  
Woodbury, Minnesota  
Sermon Title: “Chasing Fame”

Notes:

**Pray:** Each week, we want to take time to lift up one another’s prayer concerns. True Christians pray for one another. Take some time at the beginning of your small group time to pray for each other. Be real with each other. If you are hurting, take the risk and share how you are feeling with the group. If you have something that God has blessed you with this week, share it. Give Him the glory for what He is doing in your life. Record the prayer requests in the “Notes” section on the right of this page, and make a commitment to pray for the needs of the people in your group throughout the week.

**Opening Question:** What New Year’s resolutions have you made this year?

**Read and Discuss:** This week Darrin preached about “Chasing Fame.” Since the Fall, human beings, in our quest to gain renown, have had a tendency to displace God, even attempting to become God himself. The story of the Tower of Babel illustrates the emptiness of our attempts to “make a name for ourselves”. In your small group this week, first take some time to read through the passage, **Genesis 11:1-9**.

**Brainstorm reasons together why they might have built this tower?**

**In light of God’s early history with humankind, why would the Lord be concerned that “nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them”?**

**Compare the unity of Babel to the unity “in Christ” that God planned for humanity. (Learn more: Eph 2:11-22, 4:1-16; Rev 5:6-10, 7:9-10)**

**What do we learn from this story about God's judgment and mercy?**

**What do we learn here about empire-building, church building, or human ambition? Are these things wrong?**

**Have you ever built a "tower" for yourself? What has that looked like for you?**

**Where are you feeling scattered or confused? Why might that be?**

**Prayer:** As you close in prayer, take time to ask God to help expose things in your life that you're using to exalt yourself rather than God. Pray for those in your lives who may use the beginning of a new year as a spring board to a search for spiritual truth; that God would use you to impact their lives.