**Origins Sermon Series**

It's easy to rush through life without pausing to understand our meaning and purpose. But to have a life worth living requires answering the Big Questions: Who are we? Why are we here? Where are we going?

The universe, life, order, meaning, gender, marriage, languages… everything we experience today started somewhere. In this series, we'll examine the beginning of human history and the Bible's answers to some of life's biggest questions.

**Week Eleven (3/28/21):** Grandiose Insecurity

**Text Summary:** Genesis 11

Perhaps we feel a deep desire to build a legacy or to suppress an insecurity of our meaning in life. While it’s not uncommon to struggle with insecurities, we have the great blessing of God giving us his one and only son to help relieve those feelings.

**Sermon Points:**

1. Life’s insecurities prompt a unified rebellion leading to grand achievements
2. God confounds our rebellion and minimizes our grand achievements
3. God relieves our insecurity by the grand achievement of Jesus

**Possible Discussion Questions:**

* What blessing, command, and promise did God make to Noah and his family as they left the ark? (see Genesis 9:1, 7-17) What did the descendants of Noah choose to do instead? (see Genesis 11:1-4) Why do we still leave behind the promises and commands of God in exchange for choosing our own paths?
* What was the motivation behind building the Tower of Babel? (see Genesis 11:4b) Do you think we still experience a deeper desire to build a legacy or suppress an insecurity of meaning? What does this look like for you?
* What are some problems that occur around us as a result of God dividing up people into various tribes, languages, and nations? Alternatively, what is the greater risk of leaving people to unify in rebellion against the word of God? (see Genesis 11:6)
* As you prepare your heart for Good Friday and Easter, what hope and encouragement do you find in the grand achievement of Jesus and His plan to unify people from every ethnic group through the gospel?

**Memory Verse:**

*The Lord said, “If as one people speaking the same language*

*they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will*

*be impossible for them.”*

***Genesis 11:6***