



## Week 2: Every Tongue

The scriptural vision for the future should inform how we live \_\_\_\_\_.

### Philippians 2:9-11

*“Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”*

### Revelation 5:9-10

*“You are worthy to take the scroll and break its seals and open it. For you were slaughtered, and your blood has ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. And you have caused them to become a Kingdom of priests for our God. And they will reign on the earth.”*

Heaven will be multi-ethnic and multi-lingual!

### Matthew 6:10

*May your Kingdom come soon.*

*May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.*

Pentecost (Acts 2) is God’s answer to the curse of Babel (Genesis 11).

### Acts 2:3-4

*“Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.”*

*“God calls the church to be a sent community of people who no longer live for themselves but instead live to participate with Him in His redemptive purposes. If the church is to ‘go and be’ then we must make certain that we are a Spirit formed community that has the spiritual capacity to impact the lives of others.” (Brad Brisco)*

\_\_\_\_\_ has the power to transcend language.

For Reflection: How am I demonstrating the love of Jesus?

**How to receive the rescue of Jesus:**

- 1) Admit you, like everyone else, have been in darkness and need the LIGHT of Jesus.
- 2) Ask God to forgive your sins by the sacrifice of Jesus.
- 3) Receive new LIFE from God by trusting in Jesus as your Savior & Lord.

**You can do that now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:**

*Jesus, I have been lost in deep darkness and need you to rescue me. I have done things I need your forgiveness of; I have lived in separation from you and need you to reconcile us. You died and rose from the dead, so I know you can do this in my life. I receive you as my rescuing savior and put my faith in you as my Lord. Help me to live for you in the light from this day forward. In your name, amen.*

**If you chose to follow Jesus today, text “LIGHT” to 309-250-2007 to receive additional information about next steps in following Jesus.**

**For Further Reflection:**

:: *What are some of the ways that our vision of the future (New Creation) can inform how we live in the present?*

:: *Pastor Josh connects the Pentecost and Babel events. Anything else stand out to you by holding these two events in tension?*

:: *Spend a few moments praying the Lord’s prayer (Matthew 6:9-13) and ask the Lord to reveal how you can help bring His kingdom to earth as it is in heaven.*

:: *What is one tangible thing you can do this next week to demonstrate the love of Jesus to someone in your life?*

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