

SERMON SERIES: **HOME IMPROVEMENT**

TODAY'S MESSAGE: **Better Communication**

TEXT: **Genesis 11:1-9**

MESSAGE INTRO: *We live in a world where communication is easier than it's ever been—literally at our fingertips! And yet, good communication is still hard to come by! Today, we will consider the challenges of communication, and explore ways to improve our communication as a church.*

1. Communication and language came from God.

💡 *Man did not _____ to communicate, but was created with the _____ to both listen and speak! (Gen 1:26-28; 2:16-24; 3:1-3, etc.)*

💡 *And, man spoke _____ from the very beginning!*

💡 *However, there was on big difference in communication then: Only ____ language and ____ words! (Gen 11:1-6)*

2. According to God Himself, those “ancients” at Babel had two things going for them: (Gen 11:1-6)

💡 *UNITY—they were ____ people, united in purpose!*

💡 *COMMUNICATION—they had ____ language!*

💡 *God admitted that they could _____ anything!*

3. Unfortunately, although their communication was good, their project was _____! (Gen 11:7-9; 10:25)

💡 *Their _____, not God's; for their _____, not God's!*

💡 *So, God _____ and _____ them!*

[NOTE: God's plan through Christ makes us one people with one language again! (Acts 2; John 10:16; 17:20; Eph 2:11-22; 4:4-6)]

4. We in the church can learn from what happened at Babel:

💡 *With good communication we can accomplish _____! And, without it, _____!*

💡 *Think about it: If they could accomplish anything in a _____ endeavor, imagine what we can accomplish in the _____ endeavor of building up Christ's church! (Phil 2:12-13; 4:13; Eph 3:20; 1 Cor 15:58)*

5. Church, let's take aim at better communication by ...

📖 *staying on the _____—using God's Word as our _____! (Mat 17:5; Acts 2:42; 1 Cor 14:33; 1 Pet 4:11; Rom 1:9-10; 1 Pet 4:11; 2 Tim 3:16-17)*

💡 *communicating _____; whether publicly or privately; whether talking or texting (Amos 3:3)*

💡 *_____ to each other and valuing what others have to say. (James 1:19). Transmission without _____ is not communication!*

💡 *using our words to unite and _____; not to _____ and divide! (Eph 4:15,25-32)*