

## WEEK 4: Different Languages

Gracias. Merci. Arigato. Danke. Obrigado. Asante. Thank you.

How many languages do you think there are in the world? Any guesses? Would you believe 7000?

Now think about how many languages you speak. It's probably not anywhere close to that number. Yet, there are 7000 different ways people verbally communicate around the world.

We often stick close to people who speak the same language as us, and that makes a lot of sense since we rely so much on communication. Language can be a barrier for us getting to know people.

But we can't let that barrier stop us from loving people who speak other languages—even when it's hard.

Now think about this. Even though it's hard for us, do you think it's hard for God? Wild thought—He can speak all 7000 languages! That should probably go in the Guinness Book of World Records.

God can communicate with everyone, no matter the language they speak.

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Questions:

- 1) If you could learn any language, which language would you want to learn?
- 2) Do you know somebody who speaks another language? Next time you see them, ask them to teach you a phrase in that language.
- 3) Make up a random language in your mind. Now say something random to your family in your new language, and see if they can understand you. If not, what else could you do to help them understand?
- 4) Have you ever thought about how God communicates with people all over the world, and that He can talk to anyone? What does that say about who God is?
- 5) Have fun with this website writing out your names in different languages:  
[https://www.alphadictionary.com/fun/your\\_name\\_in\\_other\\_languages.html](https://www.alphadictionary.com/fun/your_name_in_other_languages.html)

Stay tuned for next week when we talk about *Different Foods*.