



Uncomfortable wk4: Uncomfortable Diversity

Introduction: The idea of diversity isn't really controversial—it's just that implementing it or being diverse on purpose is pretty uncomfortable. It's more comfortable to be with people that look, think, and act like "us," but when we cross those divides in unity, it is a powerful witness to our broken world.

Discussion Questions

1. Martin Luther King Jr. once said that 11am on Sunday is the most segregated hour in America. How do you think that has changed or has it changed? How does style and fit effect how diverse a church is?
2. **Read Galatians 3:27-28 & Colossians 3:11** When Paul says that there is no _____, does he mean those ethnicities or identities no longer exist? What point is Paul making?
3. Read **Revelation 7:9** This picture of heaven reveals that there are people from every nation, tribe, and language. How do unity and diversity work and what is the effect in this picture?
4. In the sermon, Jeremy said that American Christians have been sorting themselves into churches based less on theology and more on ideology. What is the danger in a lack of diversity of thought as well as ethnicity?
5. How diverse would you say your relationships are in terms of both different ethnicities and in terms of ideology? Which bridge is harder for you to build, the one between another ethnicity or the one of different ideology? How can that be done?
6. Read James 1:9 How well would you say you listen? How well would those close to you say you listen? How does the lack of listening and/or being quick to be angry affect your witness for Jesus?

Shaping Your Mind —*Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all. Colossians 3:11*

Moving Forward —*"it is this (diversity) which makes the church resemble heaven, and it is its absence which fatally compromises its testimony."* - Keith Ferdinando