

V. Conclusion

Core Seminar

Unity and Diversity in the Local Church

Class 1: Diversity? Unity? For God's Sake!



I. Introduction

II. Unity and Diversity in the Bible

- A. The Creation of Man and Woman (Gen. 1:24-27)
- B. The Nation of Israel (Ex. 4:23; Ez. 36)
- C. Christ and His Church (Matt. 2:15; Col. 1; Jn. 13; Matt. 28; Isa. 49:6; Acts 10)
- D. The Inclusion of the Gentiles (Eph. 2:1-13, 15, 19; 3:10, 20; Rev. 7:9)
- E. Why Does God Care About Unity and Diversity in the Local Church?

Course Schedule

Class 1: Diversity? Unity? For God's Sake!

Class 2: How God Builds Unity and Diversity

Class 3: The Image of God in Our Unity and Diversity

Class 4: God's Purposes for Similarity in the Church

Class 5: Working Through Disunity

Class 6: Counsel for Christians in the Majority

Class 7: Counsel for Christians in the Minority

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III. Why We Care About Unity and Diversity

- A. Subpar reasons to value unity in the local church
- B. Subpar reasons to value diversity in the local church
- C. The Goal of Our Unity and Diversity

IV. What Kind of Unity and Diversity Matters

- A. Characteristics of Unity in the New Testament Church
 - 1. Unity between true Christians who believe the gospel
 - 2. Unity *within* the local church
- B. Characteristics of Diversity in the New Testament Church

- 1. Write down the names of 10 of your closest friends in our church:
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.
 - f.
 - g.
 - h.
 - i.
 - j.
- 2. Do your friendships have:
 - a. Diversity of age?
 - b. Diversity of political affiliation?
 - c. Diversity of educational background?
 - d. Diversity of income or social level?
 - e. Diversity of personality type?
 - f. Diversity of cultural background?
 - g. Diversity of gender?
 - h. Diversity of where people grow up?
 - i. Diversity of ethnicity?