

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: **Counsel for Christians in the Minority**

Class 6: Counsel for Christians in the Majority

Class 7: Working Through Disunity



Core Seminar

Unity and Diversity in the Local Church

Class 5: Counsel for Christians in the Minority

I. Introduction: How can we love others coming from the backgrounds of the majority or the minority?

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.

¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.” –Romans 12:9-13

- According to Rom. 12:9-13, our love for each other in the church should be...
 - Genuine (v. 9)
 - Self-forgetting (v. 10)
 - Zealous (v. 11)
 - Constant (v. 12)
 - Sacrificial (v. 13)

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II. Genuine in Affection

“⁹Let love be genuine.”

II. Self-Forgetting

“¹⁰Outdo one another in showing honor.”

Helpful things for minorities to keep in mind:

1. There are many types of minorities.
2. Jesus should completely define us.
3. Jesus was a minority, too (Heb. 4:15-16)

III. Zealous

“¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.”

Zealously loving as a minority can look like:

- Creating solutions, not just criticizing them (Phil. 2:14).
- Starting the conversation (Matt. 18:15-20).
- Continuing the conversation (James 1:19).
- Assuming the best and accepting help (1 Cor. 13:7)

Book suggestion: “Beyond Racial Gridlock” by George Yancey (IVP Books, 2006)

IV. Constant

“¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.”

V. Sacrificial

“¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.”