

KINGDOM COLORS: BABEL TO PENTECOST

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Life Group Discussion Questions:

- 1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, is there a particular point you recall that caught your attention or you found challenging or confusing?
- 2. Prayerfully **read Genesis 11:1-9**. Pastor Derek used this passage to show that diversity was God's idea—implemented by forcefully dispersing people at the tower of Babel. Discuss your reaction to this.
- 3. Derek said we tend to "live in Babel" and stay safely with people like us. Do you think that is true? Why? **Read Colossians 3:8-11 and John 17:9-11**. Jesus prays for us to be "one" as believers. Can we still maintain cultural diversity in worship and be unified?
- 4. **Read Acts 2:1-12**. God chose to send the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost when people from many nations were gathered together. How did God overcome the language barrier at Pentecost? What are some barriers we face as we interact with people of other races and cultures and how can the gospel redeem those differences?
- 5. **Read John 17:20,21**. Pastor Derek said, "with the Spirit of God, our differences don't need to separate us, they can become the basis for our oneness." How have you seen that happen or how would you like to see it happen?
- 6. Discuss ways in which there is disparity in opportunities available for minority groups in our city and suggest some possible solutions.

Next Steps: Prayerfully ask God how he wants you to take a step toward someone who is different and share it with your group if you are willing so they can pray.

Prayer Time: Following the ACTS method, Ask the group to : A – ADORE or praise Jesus for creating us and our diversity. Next : C—CONFESS ways you have tended to "stay in Babel" instead of moving toward unity : T—THANK Jesus for the unity we have in Him and, finally S—SAY WHAT YOU NEED and ask Jesus to help you move toward those who are different from you and live out His unity.