

Psalm 139:13-14

13 For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. 14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well. NKJV

Genesis 1:27-28

27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

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WELCOME to the small group experience of Kindred. Kindred is an ongoing partnership of sister congregations, dedicated to building relationships amongst Christians of diverse ethnic backgrounds. The goal: to tangibly embody the multi-ethnic family of God in the city of Seattle. The vision: to be an ongoing, messy but beautiful, journey to bring Christ's healing to our city's divided and broken places.

By choosing to take part in a Kindred small group you will engage in meaningful discussions with people from a variety of ethnic and cultural backgrounds and from different home congregations. By acting in this season as one big church, we open a channel of multi-ethnic conversation that has some structure and guidance, but it is up to each group and every component member to shape and define their experience.

This adventure is guaranteed to be messy at times, challenging at times and uncomfortable at times – for everyone, not just you. Each of us are departing from the safe shore of our familiar congregations and setting sail on a voyage in uncharted waters. The shoals, reefs, rocks and tricky currents of inter-cultural navigation are tricky. Fortunately, we have a hope that has promised not to disappoint.

Our belief is that each of us on this journey already possess the one essential component necessary for success – a relationship with Jesus Christ. Along with that comes an identity and a common bond that enables us to hold one another's stories complete with their pains, joys,

successes and failures – because we ourselves are held firmly in the One who has declared each of us beloved and whose image we may behold in the faces and stories of those who, like we, love Jesus.

So welcome and may you experience a memorable and transformational journey

John 1:43-45

Philip and Nathanael

43 The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote — Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

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