

Ephesians 2:11-22

Family Member Pt. 1

Image Church // Members of the Kingdom: Week 3

Introduction

Good morning Image FAMILY, it is so good to be with you this morning and I am really looking forward to opening God's Word with you!

If you don't know, my name is Bryson Moon and I am one of the pastors here at Image Church.

This weekend is always a special weekend and for my family one that is especially full!

Today is Fathers Day, happy Fathers day to all the fathers in the room. Fathers day is always a little to short lived for me because it is always coupled with my wife's birthday being right next to it... and my wife celebrates all month long... so she has been kind enough to allow me to have about 4 hours carved out for Fathers day so thanks babe, your generosity is overwhelming!

But to all the Fathers in the room, you are needed in your home, so know that we as a church are here to encourage you, support you and walk with you

To see you be the best father to your kids you can be, your kids need you. So go crush it being a dad knowing you have your church family behind you, cheering for you, holding you up when you get tired and reminding you of who you are in Christ!

Let me pray over our dads this morning...

We also want to acknowledge and even more than that join in the celebration that is Juneteenth...

Tomorrow commemorates Juneteenth and we always want to take time to recognize it as a church... in fact you're going to see why we think it's important to talk about these things based on our text this morning- but I want to take some time and talk about what Juneteenth is...

for some you may only know Juneteenth as a recent holiday added to the calendar in which you now get an extra day off

But Juneteenth has long been celebrated in the black community as a day of independence

June 19 or Juneteenth as it is known commemorates the day in which word had finally spread that all enslaved African Americans were free. **You see the emancipation proclamation** was issued January 1, 1863 during the civil war, the emancipation proclamation declared all enslaved African Americans free!

However for many in the south freedom didn't come until after the civil war ended almost two years later. And it was even a few months later on **June 19, 1865 Union soldiers made their way to Galveston Bay, Texas** and enslaved people there heard for the first time that they were free.

And so **Juneteenth celebrates and commemorates** the day in which all people were finally free and brought an end to chattel slavery here in America. Juneteenth has long been celebrated in the African American community and a couple years ago made a national holiday.

So today **we lament chattel slavery and the effects that are still felt today** and we celebrate and commemorate those who fought for the abolition of slavery, to see the day in which all were free!

On days like today, we don't want to just acknowledge and move on, but to genuinely understand the importance of today, and the long, hard road many fought to freedom. While also understanding the ripple effect still being felt today.

There is still much work to be done to heal the divide that still exists today. But I am thankful that we serve a God of reconciliation!

Which brings us to our passage this morning, so if you have your Bibles turn with me to Ephesians 2:11-22, it will be on the screens for you as well.

This particular passage, if your Bible has little headings might say something about **Unity in Christ...**

So what does Juneteenth and our passage on unity have to do with each other... well I am going to be honest with you about where we are going this morning...

We are looking at what it means to be a family member, to be apart of the body of Christ, the family of God.

And How do we have unity in the family... and Paul is often having to address unity in the church... and specifically disunity that comes when you bring different ethnic groups together

Sometimes those differences are matters of preference, sometimes its culture and customs, sometimes it's opinion, beliefs, doctrine, could be just how you were raised and what your family did

Story: Most of you know my wife Princess, we come from different ethnic backgrounds... she is black and as you can see I am white... and each of our family experiences are different...

well growing up we always went to my grandma's for thanksgiving...we had all our family there some even driving up

from NC the day of... we always ate at noon... now when I say noon I mean on the dot the clock strikes 12 we making our plates.

Fast forward Princess and I are married, we are at her house for the holidays and we all going over her sisters for dinner.

Now what you need to know about me is I don't skip meals, because when I do I get hangry... so I say, "babe, what time is dinner at your sisters, 6pm? Bet I'll eat lunch and then I will be good for 6pm dinner.

What I didn't know was, her family operates with different expectations around time... and what I didn't know was 6pm was the time to show up... but 6pm won't be the time to eat. I get there and I immediately knew we weren't eating at 6!

It had to be all of 8:30 before we ate... that's fine fool me once... now when I am told dinner is 6pm... I eat at 5:30.

There are so many factors at play when it comes to just the differences between people, families, cultures, ethnic backgrounds but there is room for them all in God's diverse family, and its beautiful.

But one of the issues that arises as we have this conversation about unity in the body, diversity and specifically around ethnic tension that exist in the world today and the church

Is that in a lot of ways **we are all starting from different places**

There is a book called "**The Conversation**" and in it the author talks about how when we have the conversation about race in America we often are all starting from different places, and so we are often just talking past each other

I found this to be true in so many of the conversations happening in and outside the church on whole host of issues

So this morning I want us to start from the same place because we want **Image Church to be a place for all people, all nations, all tribes, all generations** and when you bring that diverse group of sinful people together there is bound to be tension and conflict in the family at times, and families don't run from the hard, we step into and work through it...

So if we are going to fight to see even a glimpse of Revelation 7 here, we must start from the same place, so that we can actually work together to be the church the looks like the community God has placed us in

Ephesians 2 starting in vs 11

11 So, then

Alright, we are making progress now! I promise we won't stop after every word but as Pastor Mike has pointed this out for us often... when we see words like "therefore" or so then,

We know that the author is saying, in light of what I just said. The author is pointing us back to what came before to help us understand what is coming next

So what came before vs 11... **Ephesians 2:1-10** which I know we are familiar with and it is probably one of the greatest and richest gospel passages that Paul or any author in the Bible wrote...

It is so good! So in light of who Christ is and in light of what he has done. Remember who were apart from Christ...

dead in your sin, living in our fleshly desires, by nature children under wrath... but God who is rich in mercy, because of his great love for us, made us alive with Christ... you are saved by grace, not from our own works

created for good works which God prepared ahead of time for us

so we are to keep this in mind as to understand what is next.

So, then, remember that at one time you were Gentiles in the flesh—called “the uncircumcised” by those called “the circumcised,” which is done in the flesh by human hands. 12 At that time you were without Christ, excluded from the citizenship of Israel, and foreigners to the covenants of promise, without hope and without God in the world.

In the first century, you basically had two groups of people... you had Jews (Israel) and you had gentiles (everyone else) so all over the NT when you see gentiles it simply means they were not a part of Israel, they were not part of God's chosen people.

God told Abraham to circumcise Isaac and all males as a sign of God's covenant with Abraham... and if you don't know and want to know what circumcision is do NOT google it... **just ask Jose Mateo and he would be happy to explain**

So here in vs11... this is the distinction being made. Paul is talking to the gentiles... called the uncircumcised by those who call themselves the circumcision (the Jews)

Why they referred to themselves in this way, kind of an odd name to call yourselves if you ask me...

But it was a badge of honor, it really was a means of separating themselves from Gentiles - remember circumcision was a sign of the covenant - that God made with the people of Israel.

Paul starts with what they did not have, you were without Christ - excluded, foreigners, no hope

But thankfully it is not going to stop there!

13 But now in Christ Jesus, you who were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

That has all changed because of Jesus! What you weren't before, and what wasn't possible before has now been made possible by the blood of Jesus

Vs 13 is a game changer!!! Like seriously a game changer...

You who were far off have now been brought near by the blood of Jesus... **listen this is everyone, Jew or gentile then and everyone one of us now**

We all at some point were far off, we did not know Jesus, we were not following or pursuing Jesus...

It is because of Jesus that we were even able to be brought near... When sin entered the world, man's relationship with God was severed.

It wasn't just proximity to God and now there isn't, **it was a beautiful, intimate relationship with God**, Adam and Eve were with God in the garden but sin destroyed that relationship and we were cut off

There was no hope, we couldn't change anything but **Ephesians 2:1-10** paints perfectly **what God did!**

And you were dead in your trespasses and sins in which you previously walked according to the ways of this world, according to the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit now working in the disobedient.[a]3 We too all previously lived among them in our fleshly desires, carrying out the inclinations of our flesh and thoughts, and we were by nature children under wrath as the

others were also. 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of his great love that he had for us,[b] 5 made us alive with Christ even though we were dead in trespasses. You are saved by grace! 6 He also raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might display the immeasurable riches of his grace through his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. 8 For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift— 9 not from works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.

We were dead in our sin, with no hope of coming alive again, **BUT God** who is rich in mercy

Who is in the business of **giving us what we do not deserve, and not giving us what we do deserve**, God loved us and He sent Jesus to be the spotless lamb that would be slain for our sin

Jesus would live the perfect life and then go to the cross to die the death meant for us and be buried for 3 days but rise again on the third

And he is now seated at the right hand of the father, victorious over sin and death

And Now, because of Jesus *we are heirs, partakers, citizens of a new kingdom* ushered in by Jesus. You are now under the covenant... there is no distinction between Jew and Gentile, only those in Christ and those who don't believe. Church this is the good news of the gospel, we who were far off, have now been brought near by the blood of Jesus

Some of you today feel far from God, maybe you are rebelling in sin, or maybe you have yet to believe, I want you to see the incredible nature of the gospel, that you would see that it is in fact good news!

But for all of us, **if we miss this we miss the foundation** that Jesus has laid that Paul is building everything on...

The foundation that all of the christian life is built upon is the gospel...

Story: A couple of weeks ago... all the elders and our wives had dinner together at Pastor Mike's and after dinner Jose had a little team building game for us to play

So we split up guys and girls and each team was given like 3ft of masking tape, 10 spaghetti noodles and a marshmallow

And our objective was to build the tallest structure that we could using only the supplies given and the tallest tower to stand on its own at the end wins...

So the timer starts and we get to work... so the guys start spitting out ideas, what if we try this, what if we do this. Ok lets start building - I wasn't super helpful putting the thing together... we working with little tiny noodles and I got sausages as fingers

But we are on a clock and not matter what we tried it just kept falling, to much weight in one spot and it breaks so in the last like 30 seconds after working on this thing for like 18 minutes and it had just fallen

We threw this teepee looking thing together barely off the ground... the ladies had a huge tower but when they let go it fell...

two important things. *1. The guys won* *2. the actual important thing...* **no matter what we did we couldn't get anywhere because we could never build a solid foundation**

Listen, our foundation has to be the gospel, it has to be rooted in the Word of God. We need a deep, rooted, unshakeable foundation in the Scriptures and the gospel

Vs 14

For he is our peace, who made both groups one and tore down the dividing wall of hostility. In his flesh, 15 he made of no effect the law consisting of commands and expressed in regulations, so that he might create in himself one new man from the two, resulting in peace. 16 He did this so that he might reconcile both to God in one body through the cross by which he put the hostility to death. 17 He came and proclaimed the good news of peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

We really have to understand what was happening in the first century and what the relationship between Jews and Gentiles was like... to say there was tension is putting it mildly...

There were ethnic and cultural differences that caused a lot of division among the early church. There was animosity/hostility between Jews and the Romans, Jews and the Greeks, Jews and the Samaritans

Different groups of people, or nations have raged against one another since the fall... For a whole host of reasons...

The thing for us to see is that divisions among ethnic groups are not new or unique to America or even to just the past several generations.

It is a result of the fall, sin is tearing people apart, and the enemy loves to see people divided and going at each other... and he has been pretty successful

Because here we are **2,000+ years later still in the battle for unity** and dealing with ethnic divisions, political divisions, doctrinal divisions

The battle for unity is still an uphill one and if I am being honest and it can feel like the church is losing sometimes

But Paul is showing us here that because of Jesus the dividing wall of hostility is torn down, it has been destroyed through the blood of Jesus!

That through Christ, **we have been made one**... reconciled together us all through the cross and hostility has been put to death and peace now exist between His people with the same access to the Spirit

Ephesians 2:1-22 has showed us two things

- 1. God has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus**
- 2. God is reconciling us with one another through Jesus**

There is first a vertical reconciliation that must take place before there will ever be reconciliation horizontally.

Jesus has done both... Jesus through his sacrifice on the cross has restored what was lost at the fall, and through faith in Jesus we have been reconciled to God

But also through Jesus was reconciliation to one another made possible...

As Tony Evans points out, Paul doesn't shy away from the reality that the divide existed and that there was hostility... but he roots the unity that is now possible in Jesus and what he accomplished on the cross...¹

So before, there were Jews, Gentiles, Romans, Greeks, circumcised and uncircumcised... black, white, latino, asian, etc all different ethnic groups, and religions, customs and cultures

But in Christ we become one, in Christ we become apart of the **family of God**, we are now apart of a new kingdom

So if we are now supposed to have unity through Christ, then why does it seem as though the dividing wall of hostility is present? Why does it feel at times as though the ethnic divide is greater than ever?

Even the latest data from Pew Research, Barna, and Gallup... tell us that divide still exists... and it's a real one. And we can point to the things on why

- slavery
- jim crow
- political idolatry
- racism
- pride

¹ Tony Evans "Kingdom Race Theology"

- preferences

All of that would be true to one degree or another... and typical responses is well I didn't own slaves, or I wasn't alive during Jim Crow and I'm not racist

So am I responsible for the sins of a previous generation... **Well no** but I do believe there are consequences that can have a ripple effect.

The sins of a father, can produce consequences that can last for generations... and so what we are experiencing in 2023 **are the ripple effects of sin**

But before you tune me out, I am not just talking about slavery and Jim Crow in American history... **G.K. Beale says "The splitting of humanity at the Tower of Babel had a ripple effect throughout the comos"**²

A ripple effect that is felt today... so the divide we experience here and now is not just a result of our country's history, it is a factor at play but something bigger is the root cause!

Martin Luther King Jr said the 11 o'clock hour is the most segregated time in America... that was April 17, 1960

So my question is 63 years later why is that still true? Well what was ever done to heal the divide that existed?

After the Civil rights act of the 1960's it was like we tried to sweep it under the rug... act like it never happened... just move on... but that's not how it works

² Beale pg 272

What about in the OT or all through out human history, as nations war against each other, as ethnic groups and races experience hostility toward one another, as countries are torn apart over politics and power

And we tend to think about diversity along a black white binary... but the beauty of the body of Christ is that it is so much bigger than that.. we tend to think about it in black/white because of this countries specific history³

But an article in The Atlantic by Jonathan Rauch states Even people who live in progressive, multicultural neighborhoods end up hanging out only with people just like them.⁴

So divides don't just exist in a black/white context... there is young/old or should we say seasoned... we tend to lump all latino/hispanic people together but there is divides that exist depending on which country your from

We have divides over doctrinal beliefs, calvinist vs arminianism, complementarian vs egalitarian, kids vs parents, families broken by divorce and infidelity,

Shoot we got neighbors who can't get along based on whether your UGA or Rolltide

I mean yall the divides are endless... everywhere we look people are divided over one thing or another... today is about ethnic unity because its in our text

³ Bryson Loritts "The Road to Ethnic Unity"

⁴ Bryson Loritts "The Road to Ethnic Unity"

But almost everything I just mentioned could be a sermon in of itself if not a series... except football, in SEC country that one might never be undone

But wherever there is division we know from our text that through the blood of Jesus we have been brought near, that the dividing wall of hostility has been torn down... that where there was once Jew and gentile, God has formed a new people, a new family

God has brought about peace where there was none before **But what was ever done to bring reconciliation between us???**

Bryan Loritts says: If our vertical reconciliation to God required intentionality, then our horizontal reconciliation necessitates the same intentionality.

The reality Paul addresses in this passages is one that has been present throughout history since the fall...

The conversation of race in America, and the having a diverse and multi-ethnic church is a great idea in theory... meaning, it sounds good to talk about and to say we are about this

But the practical side of walking this out can be difficult for many reasons...

For instance, While yes we are now a new family in and through Christ, we don't cease to be who we are... yes we have new identities but there are still aspects of us and a reality that we are who we are - meaning I didn't cease being white or American when I came to faith,

My wife didn't cease being black when she came to Christ, **there are still things about us deeply formed by our cultures and context -**

but also we now have new identities in Christ and everything else is now filtered through that new identity.

Just like in the NT... the Jewish Christians didn't cease being Jews, Romans didn't cease being Romans but now a new community has been formed and the clashing of these worlds took place

I want to offer a couple reason why I believe unity in the body, and even specifically around ethnic unity, can be so hard at times

1. Pride is dangerous to the church and christian unity⁵

Pride is something that gets in our way in all areas and aspects of our lives... most of the the disagreements between my wife and I, have pride somewhere in the mix

Also, we always think we are right...

We think we are right about how to do church, what worship should look like, is it heavy acoustic guitars or piano focus - don't get my church growing up started on drums

Do we do community groups or bible studies - if you are apart of a predominantly white church you probably do small groups in homes but if you are in the black church its Bible study on Wednesdays at the church

We think we are right about politics and policy though the majority of us would fail highschool Civics if we took an exam right now... **I've seen Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader... we aren't!!**

⁵ Point taken and adapted from JD Greear's sermon "Kainos People"

Yall, pride gets in the way of a lot of things, and as Pastor Greear points out... Paul is constantly telling us that church unity is built on humility, so beware of where pride rears its ugly head⁶

The key factor in unity, is as the late, great Tim Keller often said, **“humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less”**

Church I am telling you, if we could learn to put the needs of others ahead of our own, lots of things would change, what if what was happening in the church was everyone thinking of themselves less and others as more important

2. Elevating your preferences is dangerous to the church and your spiritual formation

We all have our preferences, and there isn't anything wrong with having a preference... **I prefer cheeseburgers over vegetables...** but as my wife is constantly reminding me my heart would prefer me to eat more veggies than cheeseburgers

I prefer if people wearing white shoes wouldn't walk in the grass but most of yall's shoes would testify that you disagrees with me...

Look... Finding ourselves outside of our preferences usually results in discomfort... **and we do not like to be uncomfortable!**

Dhati Lewis says: "If we are not feeling uncomfortable in our efforts to make others comfortable then we are probably not pursuing diversity"

Which means we also aren't fighting for ethnic unity, **which means we are not doing the intentional work that is required to see horizontal reconciliation among us**

We have to get comfortable with being uncomfortable... for the last 50+ years diversity or the pursuit of multi-ethnic churches has largely looked like people of color being asked to join majority culture churches and assimilate to that context and its preferences

But what we see in Ephesians 2 is not diversity for the sake of diversity... what we see in Ephesians 2 is the beginnings of Revelations 7

After this I looked, and there was a vast multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, which no one could number, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes with palm branches in their hands. 10 And they cried out in a loud voice:

Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

But I don't believe this picture we see in Revelation 7 is something that we are supposed to just wait for... I don't think Paul would have spent so much time addressing the issues of ethnic unity in the church if we weren't meant to experience this here and now on some level

nor is it simply people of color assimilating to a majority church...

Church, we have so much to learn from one another, we get aspects of God, we learn things about the heart of God, and the glory of God from our brothers and sisters who don't look like us

⁶ idea taken from JD Greear's sermon "Kainos People"

Being a multi-ethnic and diverse church means people are able to come and bring their full selves, their culture, their ways of life, their giftings and not only is it welcomed but it is celebrated

We have so much to learn from one another, but often pride and preferences get in the way

3. Lack of awareness and understanding of the realities people of color face⁷

Many in the majority culture lack awareness of the historical realities people of color have faced in this country...

The historical reality of racism in this country is still affecting this country... because the reality of the fall is still affecting us today,

One pastor highlighted a couple things from our history. For example, **just about every black denomination in our country** (AME, Zionists, the National Baptist Convention, Christian Methodist Episcopal, etc) was started because white people refused to allow blacks in church, or in places of influence in church.

Many of Dr. King's biggest opponents in trying to get Jim Crow laws abolished were Baptist, Presbyterian and Anglican pastors.⁸

Just in the last few years we experienced a campaign to "build the wall", this is not to add commentary on how countries should operate at their borders

But to make us think... How does this rhetoric make our undocumented brothers and sisters and neighbors feel... you think that creates a family they would want to be a part of...

When members of that family are advocating for ways to keep them out, and ultimately communicating you wish they weren't here

This history has created very real and present realities **and it was the enemy at work then**, and it is the enemy at work now... who is working to rebuild the dividing wall of hostility

To sow disunity, discord, strife, anger, resentment and hatred... **but Jesus... the enemy cannot undo what Christ has accomplished**

Church this is for all of us... I know the focus can a times be along the black/white lines due to the history in our nation

But this is for us all... regardless of race or ethnicity... we all have pride that we have to put to death, we all have preferences that we elevate to a place they don't belong

Our pride causes us to elevate our needs and our desires above everyone else's which leaves us with little grace when someone or something challenges those preferences.

Christian unity is built on humility

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19 So, then, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with the saints, and members of God's household, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. 21 In him the whole building, being put together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In him you are also being built together for God's dwelling in the Spirit.

We have another So, then... so because Christ has torn down the wall of hostility, brought about peace between us and God and us and one another

⁷ Point adapted from JD Greear "Kainos People"

⁸ JD Greear "Kainos People"

Because of the blood of Jesus...We are no longer foreigners or strangers but we are now citizens of a new kingdom that is being ushered in, we are now apart of the family of God

Jesus has done all of this... this is what we are about here at Image Church!!! We live in the reality that Jesus has done everything... we are recipients of Christ's work which is a wonderful and beautiful thing...

Yall Jesus has done all the work, he has accomplished it all, He did for us what we could never do for ourselves!!!

We are now to live out of this reality, we have been saved by the grace of God, we who were once far off, alienated, hostile, enemies of God, have now been brought near and made citizens of a new kingdom, ruled by our new king

Brought into the family of God, and have been made heirs with Christ, called sons and daughters... for those in Christ this is who we are and this is the identity and reality we are supposed to live out of!

“We have to be willing to set aside our cultural preference- we have to be willing to listen and engage with perspectives that are different than what we’ve always known!

We have to understand that we all come from different backgrounds, cultures and contexts and yet for those in Christ, we’ve been adopted as “sons and daughters” through the blood of Jesus... That means that the church isn't like a family, it is a family (a blended family), so we shouldn't act like a family... **We need to be a family!**

- That means we fight for unity,
- That means we have to fight for each other
- We have to assume the best about each other
- We have to be slow to speak and quick to listen- we have to

ask questions

- And we have to show grace!

When we respond to the gospel together like this, then we can put on display a foretaste of what’s to come in Revelation 5 and 7, where every tribe and every tongue are worshiping God together. And when we do that we’re putting the gospel on display in a way that points to the Glory of God for an on looking world to see!”

Church this isn’t a matter of good practice, **this is a matter of faithfulness and obedience to the Word**, and faithfulness and obedience is often hard

We stumble and fall, but we get back up and we keep pressing forward... we are going to make mistakes, we are going to offend at times, we are going to put our foot in our mouths

We must extend grace and we must fight for the unity of the body but unity of the body is only going to come when we remember **who we once were and who we now are in Christ**

Alienated and separated from Christ, lost and dead in our sin, **but we have now been made alive in Christ**, through the grace and mercies of God... but now in Christ we have been brought near by the blood and the dividing wall of hostility has been torn down...

God has reconciled us to himself, and has made it possible for us to know him, but though Jesus has made reconciliation with one another possible

it doesn’t happen on its own, **it requires intentionality**... at Image Church, this is not something we just talk about... but what we are working towards that we would get a glimpse of what the throne room will one day look like and what we experience there in all of its beauty

We want to see that here and now! The beauty and creativity of God put on display at Image Church!

Tony Evans says: reconciliation is not an end in itself...but it's a means to an even greater end – BRINGING GOD GLORY.

God is and will be glorified in this pursuit of unity in the body... it's what he sent Jesus to do... reconcile us to himself and reconcile us to each other

And God is glorified when we live out the implications of the gospel and the implications of Paul's words here in Ephesians 2!

Where is God pressing on you this morning??? Have you believed the good news of the gospel? Have you been brought near by the blood of Jesus?

Where is your pride getting in the way? Where are you elevating your preferences to an unhealthy place?

Where or with whom do you need to seek reconciliation with this morning?

At the end of the day, we are all broken sinners who make up the body of Christ, the family of God... in which Jesus died for. We are always first sinner and second sinned against

And so we can fight for the unity of the body, by doing the hard work of reconciliation. Seeking to understand before being understood.

Jesus has torn down the dividing wall of hostility between us... and so we can work to see the realities of Revelations 7 here at Image Church, its going to be hard. It's going to be messy at times but I promise you it is worth it

We can know and see God better through the beautiful diversity of his people, when his people come together in gospel unity, we are better because of one another, **and the fight is a fight worth fighting for.**

Lets Pray