

Talk 8 – A Diverse People

Overview

On Sunday we began exploring the third value of The City Church which is "We are devoted to living, sharing and modelling life together as a family." The first characteristic of this value is the distinct call over us to be a diverse people. Diversity reflects the God of the bible, he is one yet three Father, Son and Spirit and perfectly models the glories of diversity. We see in creation that God made humanity in his image, male and female were made different yet equal to reflect the God who created them. Yet when sin came into the world this diversity became a cause for division, the human heart became marred and distrusted difference. We can see throughout history and in today's society that difference in people's gender, race, age, class and beliefs leads to distrust and division across the globe. Yet God is committed to diversity, in fact the joy that Jesus endured the cross for was the Church in all her diverse glory. The Church is called to celebrate and champion difference, not looking to the culture of the world but to the culture of heaven where all nations, tribes and tongues will be united under Christ.

Scripture

Revelation 7:9-10

Questions

1. What challenges to diversity do you think we face today in Canterbury and Whitstable?
2. Reading verse 9 & 10 what strikes you about the diversity and unity of heaven? How can we grow in both areas within the Church?
3. How do you think diversity helps us grow in our worship of Christ?
4. Are there any people groups that you've subtly discounted from sharing the gospel with? Why do you think that is?