

Value Sunday

Message Summary 11/7/21

EFC desires to be a multi-ethnic church in order to Serve, Reach and Grow people in our own community and throughout the world.

Why is this a value? Why is this important?

Biblical Framework: God's design from the very beginning was to reconcile humanity from every tribe and nation to Himself

- *Genesis 12:2-3*
- *Matthew 28: 18-20*
- *Galatians 3:8-9*

The Gospel is for all people.

- *John 3:16-17*
- *Galatians 3:26-28*

“The Gospel Paul preached was a deep gospel that went beyond just saving souls to building a heavenly, barrier-breaking communities of reconciliation. The Gospel Paul preached destroyed racism (Neither Jew no Greek), economic classism (neither slave nor free), and gender inequality (No male and female.)” Dr. Derwin Gray, [Building a Multiethnic Church](#)

The future picture of the church is made up people from every nation, tribe, and tongue.

Revelation 7:9-10

“If this is such an important value that we see all over Scripture, why don't we see many multiethnic churches around?”

“America has become increasingly diverse, but the places where we live are wrought with people who live, think, and vote like us. Americans still tend to be very homogenous creatures, clustering in like communities within diverse culture. Sadly still part of the church in America”.

Bill Bishop, [The Big Sort](#)

Multiethnic churches are a preview of God's eternal Kingdom!

1. Diversity is Biblical - *Acts 1:8*

2. Diversity is Sacrificial - *Philippians 2:1-4*

In order to create an environment for diversity, we must create a diverse environment!

3. Diversity takes humility - *James 4:6*

Are we willing to learn from others?

4. Diversity is Intentional

5. Diversity is a blessing

Steps we are taking:

- Our goal is not to incorporate expressions of all the nations in the world, but rather those that we do have in our local community and in our congregation.
- We want to continue to have people of different cultures and ethnicities in leadership roles.
- We want to make connections with other local churches to learn from them.
- We want to create small group studies to learn more about what it looks like to build a multiethnic church community.

What will you do?