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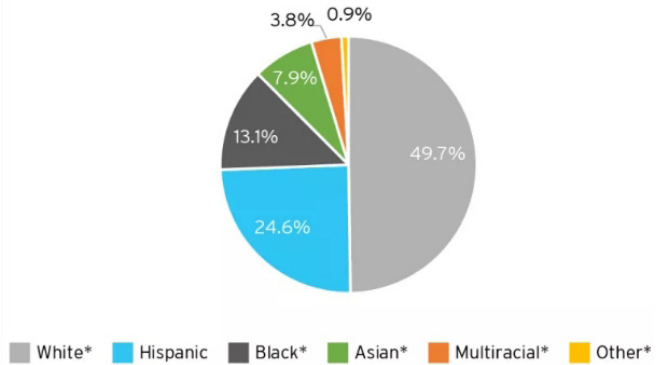


All Roads Lead To Heaven...Right?

According to U.S. census projections, white people will become the minority race by 2045. As our culture becomes more racially diverse, our culture will also become more religiously diverse. What does this mean for us as believers? Let's find out.

FIGURE 1

Racial profile of U.S. population, 2045



* Non-Hispanic members of race

Source: William H Frey analysis of U.S. Census population projections released March 13, 2018 and revised September 6, 2018

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Felipe Ferreira is the lead pastor at One Hope Community Church in Columbus. Originally from Brazil, he often preaches in Portuguese and Spanish to his diverse congregation. He has a B.A. in Intercultural Studies and is working on his second master's degree in Theology.

- Felipe viewed our area's changing demographics as an exciting opportunity for evangelism. What kind of implications do these demographic changes have for you as a believer? For us as a church?
- Read Acts 17:24-28. Paul says God uses our unique living situations to draw us unto His presence. As people from various religious beliefs settle into our neighborhoods, how might God meet them there?
- Felipe gave some practical ways in which we as Christians can converse with those who may have different cultural backgrounds or even religious beliefs than us. With which way did you resonate most?
- What would you say are some things that make Christianity special or unique from other religions?
- How might the exclusive nature of Christianity (Jesus is the only way to God) discourage some believers from sharing their faith? Have you ever felt this tension?
- How can apologetics help us talk to others about our faith? Under what circumstances might apologetics be a hindrance in a conversation?
- Since his church is situated very close to a mosque, Felipe has been exploring some ways that he and his congregation can get to know their Muslim neighbors. Often, we need to meet people where they are instead of expecting them to come to us. What are some ways that you can "go" (physically or relationally) to someone different than you right now?

Closing Prayer

First, pray for the Nepali population that lives in Reynoldsburg and the surrounding area. Ask God to help them feel at home here in this country and to seek God. Next, ask God to bring you into relationships with people who are different from you. Pray that God would use you as a way for unbelievers to reach out to Him.

For Further Study:

“But Don’t All Religions Lead to God?” by Michael Green // *Spiritual and Religious: The Gospel in an Age of Paganism* by N.T. Wright // *Christianity at the Religious Roundtable* by Timothy Tennent
The Allure of Gentleness by Dallas Willard





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