



Discussion Guide for “Diversity”

Proximity Warning Week 2

Diversity is essential to God's work in the world, but as a rule, churches are bad at real diversity. In John 4, Jesus' disciples illustrate what's at stake when we don't make a point to practice diversity.

Scriptures for Further Reading

[Matthew 9:9-12](#)

[John 4:4-42](#)

[Ephesians 2:14](#)

[Revelation 7:9-10](#)

Passage for Sacred Reading:

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. You can find a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week's sacred reading is [John 4:4-42](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. When you hear the word 'diversity', what comes to mind for you?
2. What makes a group 'diverse'? What are some barriers to true diversity?
3. Review the story of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman in John 4. Why was Jesus frustrated with the disciples? How did their own prejudice keep them from participating in Jesus' mission?
4. How diverse is your friend group? (Don't think just about race. What about age, class, gender, politics, etc.)
5. What does it look like for you to be in proximity to people who are different from you this week?