



Discussion Guide for “Diversity”

Church of Theseus Week 1

Diversity - it's a buzzword, a trend these days. Every church claims to value diversity. So why do churches so often fail to reflect even the diversity of our communities? And how do we pursue an authentic diversity that moves beyond tokenism and trends to get to the heart of Jesus' good news for our world?

Scriptures for Further Reading

1 Corinthians 1:2-10; Galatians 5:22-26

[Click here to read all scriptures](#)

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 [1 Corinthians 1:2-10](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. What do you think of when you hear the word 'diversity'? How is it done poorly? How is it done well?
2. Why do you think churches are still so segregated? What are the challenges of worshiping together for marginalized cultures? What about majority culture?
3. Corinth was a port city. Find Corinth on a map. What do you imagine the cultural make-up of the city to have been in the first century?
4. Consider Paul's opening to the Corinthians. How would his words sound to a diverse city like Corinth?
5. What does it mean that Jesus calls us to be one family, but not all the same? How do you bring your whole self to Catalyst?
6. Share a time you've known God better because of someone else's cultural or ethnic experience.
7. Being around people who aren't like us can be uncomfortable. Should this be the norm in a church? Discuss.