

FAITH, RACE & JUSTICE

INTRO

Other than your own culture's food, what is your favorite?

READ

Revelation 7:9; Acts 11:19-20; Ephesians 2:14-15; James 1:22

REFLECT/RESPOND

This week we are discussing how to make a multiethnic church a reality. As a disclaimer, there are instances where a monoethnic church needs to be a part of the larger kingdom picture. For example, where language is a barrier. It is important that people are able to hear the gospel in their heart language and that may only be possible via a monoethnic church.

Here are 4 keys to building a multiethnic church:

SEE IT – This is when the eyes of our heart are opened to see God's big and diverse family.

COMMIT TO IT – This step is vital because there will be challenges along the way. When we move into a multiethnic environment, there is a greater potential for misunderstandings, hurt and offence.

ADVANCE IT – We cannot be just observers, we need to be active participants. The people of the church in Antioch were "wall crossers" and we need to follow their example. We need to be willing to give and take along the way.

ENJOY IT – It is not all work being a part of a multiethnic church. Our lives are enriched in a special way as we build meaningful relationships across ethnic lines. We see God's world in a richer and more vibrant manner.

This past week, we had a panel discussion where a few probing questions were asked. We would

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like to extend the conversation to everyone this week by responding to the following questions in our small groups:

1. What was your experience growing up? Did you grow up in a mono or multi ethnic environment?
2. What has been a positive experience of being a part of Every Nation GTA?
3. What are some challenges you have faced?
4. What advice do you have to newcomers in our midst?

PRAY

That we would grow in our love for all people.

Pray that God would use us to reach out to even more ethnic groups in our city.

Pray for any needs that are present in the group.