

V. Conclusion

Core Seminar Unity and Diversity in the Local Church *Class 1: Diversity? Unity? For God's Sake!*



I. Introduction

II. Unity and Diversity in the Bible

- A. The Creation of Man and Woman (Gen. 1:24-27)

- B. The Nation of Israel (Ex. 4:23; Ez. 36)

- C. Christ and His Church (Matt. 2:15; Col. 1; Jn. 13; Matt. 28; Isa. 49:6; Acts 10)

- D. The Inclusion of the Gentiles (Eph. 2:1-13, 15, 19; 3:10, 20; Rev. 7:9)

Course Schedule

Class 1: Diversity? Unity? For God's Sake!

Class 2: How God Builds Unity and Diversity

Class 3: The Image of God in Our Unity and Diversity

Class 4: God's Purposes for Similarity in the Church

Class 5: Working Through Disunity

Class 6: Counsel for Christians in the Majority

Class 7: Counsel for Christians in the Minority

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E. Why Does God Care About Unity and Diversity in the Local Church?

III. Why We Care About Unity and Diversity

A. Subpar reasons to value unity in the local church

B. Subpar reasons to value diversity in the local church

C. The Goal of Our Unity and Diversity

IV. What Kind of Unity and Diversity Matters

A. Characteristics of Unity in the New Testament Church

1. Unity between true Christians who believe the gospel
2. Unity *within* the local church

B. Characteristics of Diversity in the New Testament Church

1. Write down the names of 10 of your closest friends in our church:

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.
- f.
- g.
- h.
- i.
- j.

2. Do your friendships have:

- a. Diversity of age?
- b. Diversity of political affiliation?
- c. Diversity of educational background?
- d. Diversity of income or social level?
- e. Diversity of personality type?
- f. Diversity of cultural background?
- g. Diversity of gender?
- h. Diversity of where people grow up?
- i. Diversity of ethnicity?