V. Conclusion

Course Schedule
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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; Deut. 4:6-7; 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)

III. Why We Care About Unity and Diversity

A. Insufficient reasons to value unity in the local church

B. Insufficient 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

Unity: when we value our shared bond in Christ more than anything that might divide us

B. Characteristics of Diversity in the New Testament Church

1. Write down the names of 5 of your closest friends in our church:

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

2. Do your friendships have:

a. Diversity of age? (A)
b. Diversity of political affiliation? (P)
c. Diversity of personality type? (T)
d. Diversity of cultural background? (C)
e. Diversity of gender? (G)
f. Diversity of ability? (H)
g. Diversity of ethnicity? (E)
h. Diversity of marital status?
i. Diversity of educational background?
j. Diversity of income or social level?
k. Diversity of where people grow up?