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TITLE: 7 Challenges To Cultural Diversity in the Church

When we talk about cultural diversity in the church—as God's family—we're talking about a restoration to the way God created us to be and live together.

Here are three key things to believe and consider about diversity in the Church...

- 1. Diversity in the Church is not an inevitability**—which should be clear from history. It's something that takes place and grows through our intentionality. But most of us live in a pretty diverse community if we choose to acknowledge and celebrate all the differences that God has *already* brought together. Authentic, life-giving relationships with others different from ourselves takes humility. We will have to lay down our pride and any fears we have and be willing to include, learn from, and even follow others.
- 2. Cultural and ethnic diversity is a beautiful picture of what God is like.** All humans are created in God's own super-diverse image... including you! God loves everyone as much as he loves you. Jesus died for the sins of everyone regardless of their age, skin color, ethnic background, or opinions. We can discover more of what God is like when we embrace the differences in others and look for their unique "divine reflection" of God.
- 3. Start by embracing the wide range of cultural and experiential differences that already exist within your community.** There is SO much to learn from one another! But this will take intentionality. Let others with different backgrounds and opinions challenge your thoughts, beliefs, and preferences. Learn to bear with one another in ways that reflect the love of God you have received. Look for regular, outward-focused activities to build new relationships of trust with a diverse mix of people. Don't expect them to automatically love and understand you. :-) Stay humble, be patient, and trust the Spirit to guide you in this.

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~Caesar