



## The Kingdom of God

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### Reflect + Discuss

- Have you ever visited somewhere and experienced a culture different from your own? What was that experience like for you?
- Read Matthew 6:10. What is one area where you see diversity in the church (culturally, economically, ethnically, etc.) helping us to reflect God to the world? What's one way you hope we continue to grow in this?
- The church of the New Testament was multiethnic to declare a credible gospel. How can the segregation of the church unintentionally stifle the message of the gospel? How does a multiethnic church reveal the church to be credible?
- Read John 17:20-23. What stands out to you from this prayer? Why do you think Jesus prayed so often for the unity of the church? How does our unity directly relate to God's mission to reach the world?
- Read Ephesians 3:6. How does the unity of Gentiles and Jews reveal the mystery of Christ?
- Read 2 Corinthians 5:20. What does it mean to be an ambassador for Christ? How can we learn to view ourselves as ambassadors of the king in our city and world? Why is the role of an ambassador so important?
- Read Matthew 5:9. How can we, as a multicultural church, be a model of peace in a world that often divides over differences? How can we live in the tension of our differences rather than running from the tension? Are there practical steps we can take to live in this tension?

### Pray

Pray that God will help us to become people who are united and with him on mission. Pray that God will give us strength and wisdom to love one another well across differences. Pray that we may sense God leading us as individuals and as the church towards his kingdom vision, so that the world may be drawn to him. As we continue to reflect on this passage, pray that God will lead us towards transformation by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### Next Steps

Check out the [resources page](#) for links to several Bible reading plans and other helpful tools. Explore other opportunities for growth and transformation by checking out [courses](#).