

Diversity & Unity

Read Ephesians 2:14-18

Summary:

Great to have so many cultures gather together at The Crown Church. Angela, from South Africa, shared some of her own story about entering the townships around Cape Town, despite it being against the law. How she overcame fear which was the result of brain washing and how as a 'recovering racist' she had to apologise for her part in the state of the country. (Evil prospers when good men do nothing)

We do not want a church here just with different coloured bums on the seats but one where there is deep unity despite so many differences e.g. the way we worship.

The church should be so untied that the government asks how did you achieve that?

God has blessed this nation in that the world has come here so we can do world mission on our doorstep.

Just like a pot of stew each brings its own flavour and makes the meal richer, more varied and more interesting.

The church is a family and we are to talk things through. The Holy Spirit brings us gifts to help break through the anger, fear and bitterness that many feel due to not having been understood.

We then went round and hugged one another before praising God together.

Application:

Please select from the following questions, encouraging all to take part and to be honest.

1. Was there anything shared on Sunday that needs clarifying for you?
2. What was the main thing God said to you on Sunday and what are you going to do as a result?
3. Everybody share experiences you have had in dealing with prejudice.
4. In what ways does the church need to change and reflect the diversity we have?
5. In what way do you find building a multicultural church exciting / scary?
6. Pray that God adds many more nations to us.