

Sermon Notes

15th October 2017

Being Church: Unity in diversity



Summary of last week: We are all wonderfully made in God's image and together as a body we are wonderfully made, we all have different gifts that make up the whole.

Introduction: It is good to welcome people of all-ages, cultures, and backgrounds. We are a diverse group of people. What does it mean to be united together?

Diversity

- The Selfie generation – celebrating individuality and uniqueness.
- We know that we are unique and wonderfully made in community with others.
- Church is not about uniformity but about diversity and celebrating it!
- Early church was diverse - had Jews & non-Jews, business owners and domestic servants – they are part of this new community.

Unity in diversity

- Unity in diversity – glue that holds it all together is Jesus.
- Jesus is our peace – Jesus brings wholeness, disarms us with love. This is a daily need for us to pray for that in our lives.
- We need this in our daily relationships – the work of the Spirit of God in us that helps us to be united with those who were once hostile towards.
- Dividing walls in a house – keep us living separate. Open plan living is about knocking the walls down so we live together in one space.
- Jesus comes knocks the walls down and brings us together. We co-exist together and Jesus holds it all together.

Your notes

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