

Discussion Questions for *One New People*

1. How is the multiethnic church defined? What is a multicongregational church?
2. Once created, how do multiethnic churches avoid reverting to homogeneity?
3. What influence does the community have on the establishment of the multiethnic church? How does the church influence the community?
4. What implications does the multiethnic church hold for race reconciliation and justice?
5. The Great Commission is a biblical text often used in reference to reaching out to the multitudes, especially those who are ethnically different from us. What are some practical ways you are able to participate in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20)?
6. In reference to your church community, how can you make your friends more aware of the changes that are going on in the world and of the mission opportunities that God has provided for them?
7. Very often when meeting people different from us, we allow ourselves to be directed by our comfort zone, which includes our culture and tradition. Do you need a better handle on what the Scriptures want you to be and to do in these situations? If so, what does the Bible say about reaching out in love to immigrants that may be your neighbors?
8. Leadership is presented as the most important element in establishing a multiethnic church or small group. What is your opinion? Explain.
9. Chapter six lists the leadership qualities necessary for multiethnic ministry. What would you add to this list as important in working with a diverse group of people?
10. Evaluate the gifts of your group and discuss how you might best use them in this multiethnic context.
11. How should Christians view transitions? Do you have any biblical examples of transitions?
12. Why are transitions difficult to handle either on a personal level or in a church situation?
13. What is your definition of racial reconciliation?

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14. Have you ever experienced racism, ethnocentrism or segregation? What were your feelings either as the person excluded or as a friend of one who was excluded?

15. Would you consider joining (or starting) a multiethnic small group within your local church? Why or why not?

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