REVELATION 7:9
CEDAR SPRINGS

Live Deeply

COMMUNITY
READING
EXPERIENCE

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~ETHNIC DIFFERENCES ARE PART OF CHRISTIAN UNITY~

We are all made in the image of God, yet we are all different. God is glorious in His diversity, so we reflect that in our differences. When we understand and embrace these differences we are strengthened as the body of Christ.

CHAPTER 1

1. What communities do you represent? *(i.e., religious, gender, ethnic, country, work, hobby, generational, regional, and/or experience)*

2. What is your ethnic background? How long has your family lived in this country? *Do you have any traditions based on your ethnic background?*

3. What questions, fears and hopes are stirring within you as you learn about becoming more ethnically aware?

4. Why do you think we as Christians should use "compassionate engagement in ethnicity and race"?

CHAPTER 2

1. What are some common things that you grew up hearing in your family about family, money, time, education and hospitality? Do you notice any similarities to what you were taught and the cultural norms of your ethnicity?

2. What are some beautiful things you appreciate about your culture? Where have you seen hospitality, love, care for other and powerful expressions of worship emerge from among your people?

3. What are some beautiful things you have appreciated about other cultures? Where have you seen hospitality, love, and powerful expressions of worship emerge among different ethnic communities you have been a part of?

WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- **What was something that you learned from the book?** Did this help you understand a Biblical concept or passage better or differently?

- **Was there something you disagreed with?** What Biblical concept or passage led you to this?

- **Was there anything that left you with more questions?** What Biblical concept or passage might help address these?

BIBLICAL PASSAGES MENTIONED IN THE READING

Thinking about the reading, how could these passages apply to your life this week?
- Genesis 1-2
- Matthew 1:1-17
- John 4:1-42