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1. God created different colors and cultures on purpose.

Psalm 139:13-14 (CEV)

2. Jesus followers are called to communicate the gospel to every nation and in every language.

Acts 2:1-13, Acts 2:14-17a

3. Identify the insider and the outsider.

Ephesians 2:10-14

Big Idea: We are called to actively love those who are different from us because they are created by God, in the image of God. Imagine a church of authentic racial and cultural diversity.

Small Group Outline & Discussion Questions

Celebrate and Care:

Have each person share a high and low from this last week.

Open Up:

How have you seen diversity walls fall in your lifetime?

Discuss:

Choose one or two questions for your group to discuss as time allows.

- ▶ Talk about somewhere that you feel like an insider? Is there somewhere you feel like an outsider?
- ▶ Which of the two quotes do you naturally lean toward?
 - "It is better to remain silent at the risk of being thought a fool than to talk and remove all doubt." - Abraham Lincoln
 - "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
- ▶ What are some practical ways people can invite someone to be an "insider" without making people feel like they are a project?
- ▶ What comes to your mind when you think about Pastor Matt's phrase, "God created different color and cultures on purpose"?
- ▶ Read Ephesians 2:10-14. Talk about the concept that we are all outsiders if we're not originally Jewish.

Engage:

Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with these questions then share your thoughts.

What intentional action is God asking you to do in response to this message? (If you are not sure, spend a moment and ask him.)

Close in prayer together.