

SMALL GROUP REFLECTION QUESTIONS

"ReMix" ... 200809

(Luke 6:12-16; Matt 10:2-4; Jn 13:34-35; Rom 15:7; 14:7; 1 Cor 12:14-18; Eph 1:12; 4:1-6; et al)

1. Q: What are some weird traditions you've encountered, maybe in a foreign culture? How did you feel about those traditions? Does your family have some unusual traditions? Where did they come from? How do other people react to them?
2. see Rom 15:7 ... Q: What does it mean to "accept one another"? How do we do this in practical ways? Why does it matter to God? What specific reason does Paul give here in v.7?
3. see Rev 7:9-10 ... Q: What do you think it will be like when "every nation, tribe, people, and language" are gathered together before the throne of Jesus? Do you think He delights in the cultural diversities? Why, or why not?
3. see Luke 6:12-16 - Q: When you realize that Simon was a Zealot, Matthew a former traitor, James & John were fishermen with anger issues, Peter was too loud, Bartholomew was too quiet, Judas was an embezzler, Thomas was up and down ... when you realize this, do you think it was hard or easy for this team of people to work together? Why? How?
4. see 1 Cor 12:14-18 – Q: Are we different on purpose? How does God view our distinctiveness? Does He like it, or not? Why? How does He want us to see our distinctiveness? Do you think God desires that we should be independent, or inter-dependent? What's the difference? Why does it matter?
5. see Eph 1:12 ... Q: What does Paul mean when he says that we are "*to be for the praise of his glory*"? What is God's glory? How do we contribute to it?
6. see Rom 2:24 ... Q: On the opposite side, can we sometimes give God a bad reputation? Did the Jews? How?
7. GOING DEEP - see Matt 22:36-40 ... Q: According to Jesus, what is the ultimate obedience to God? How can we do this in practical ways? Jesus was asked for the greatest commandment (singular) but He answered with two commandments – why?
8. COOL DOWN ... Ask God to help you surrender to your identity as one of many, a member of His Body, part of the people of God.