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**REMEMBER THE TITANS**

# Isaiah 49:6

It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

# Isaiah 42:6

I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

**God has created a new people to  
destroy old barriers of ethnicity  
and culture**

**Embrace His new program.**



"I Love Lucy"

**“Lucy, you got some splaining to do!”**





# Acts 11:17-18

So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?"

When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life."

# **Acts 10:34-35**

Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right.”



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# Parenting Trials

## **Ephesians 6:4**

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

## **Proverbs 22:6**

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

# Depending on God

## Proverbs 3:5

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

# Depending on God (sometimes)

## Proverbs 3:5 LB version

Trust in the Lord when its easy to do so and it feels right, but count on yourself when the going gets tough. In all your ways, seek him and he will make everything easy for you.

**Preach the gospel cross culturally  
and establish the first multiethnic  
church.**

# Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.



# Matthew 28:18-19

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...

## **Acts 11:19-21**

Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among the Jews. Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.

# Multiculturalism

We believe that the Gospel calls all people from all races and cultures into unity in Christ and fellowship in His church. Therefore, we intentionally seek and value diversity in our congregation by designing and leading ministries in ways that help fulfill this value.

# Dr. Michael Emerson



- A church is multiracial when no one racial group has 80% or more of the congregation
- Or
- At least 20% of the people are of a different race or races.

# **Massive Change in Social Ties**

# **Organizational Home for Multiracial Families**

# **Group Formation and Solidarity**

# Col. 3:11

Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.



# **Altered Racial Attitudes**

All church members have a purpose but individually we are not all things to everyone, but collectively, as the Church, we are everything to everyone.

Dr. Rodney Woo

# Reduced Inequalities

**Love sincerely despite their  
cultural differences.**

# **Acts 11:26**

The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

# John 13:34-35

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples if you have love for one another.

# Mark DeYmaz



“So at Antioch, Jews were loving Gentiles, Gentiles were loving Jews and they were all worshipping God together as one local church. Yes, this was an amazing thing. “

# DeYmaz's 7 Core Commitments

1. Embrace Dependence on God
2. Take Intentional Steps
3. Empower Diverse Leadership
4. Develop Cross-Cultural Relationships
5. Pursue Cross-Cultural Competence
6. Promote a Spirit Inclusion
7. Mobilize for Impact





**Hearts are all in.**

**Leadership is multiracial.**

**Music is designed to appeal to the  
entire fellowship not just the  
majority group.**

***“Well meaning believers will often describe themselves as open to diversity and open to having anyone who so desires become a part of “their” church. However, the unintended obstacle to this otherwise sincere belief is a lack of proactive consideration of diverse individuals who may walk through the doors.”***

***The statement, “We would welcome anyone here,” is in most cases more accurately translated, “We would welcome anyone here as long as they like who we are, what we do, and how we do it.” In other words, “We welcome anyone to join us as long as they are willing to conform to our ways, but don’t expect us to conform to theirs.”***

***“And nowhere is this attitude more pronounced than in a congregation’s approach to worship. To build a healthy multi-ethnic church, then, it is in worship that leaders must begin to promote a spirit of inclusion.”***

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