

Diversity



A journey to embrace diversity

Common Ground Church is doing a series on diversity, and why we love and include others who we think are different from us as a reflection of God's heart for all people.

Living in Cape Town, in particular, we're surrounded by rich diversity. As such, we hope that these resources** will help us in our individual and collective journeys to further embrace diversity in our lives as Christ followers.



THE COMMON GOOD BLOG

In August Common Good will be posting regularly around the topic of diversity. Check in often!
Visit www.commongood.org.za/blog

'JESUS EMBRACED DIVERSITY' BY SCOTT WILLIAMS

Diversity is more than just about ethnicity.
Visit <http://bit.ly/ScottWDiversity>

'WHAT DIVERSITY SHOULD LOOK LIKE' BY MATT CHANDLER

How differences make community stronger, with people walking with others who don't look like them, aren't in the same place and have not been blessed in the same way.
Visit <http://bit.ly/MattCDiversity>

'READING THE BIBLE WITH A DIVERSE COMMUNITY' BY INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

A look at how we can discover, share and challenge our cultural lenses, and learn more about life, God, each other, together.
Visit <http://bit.ly/intervarsityblog>

'TABOO TOPICS: RACE' BY BRETT ANDERSON

A South African blogger addresses race and compiled a range of contributions regarding some of the contentious issues.
Visit <http://bit.ly/brettfish>

BLOODLINES: RACE, CROSS AND THE CHRISTIAN BY JOHN PIPER

Learn to pursue ethnic harmony from a biblical perspective, and to relate to real people different from yourself; the bloodline of Jesus is comprised of "every tongue, tribe, and nation."
Download for free: www.desiringgod.org/books/bloodlines

Watch

'DIVERSITY'S SYMPHONY' BY POET DAVID BOWDEN (5 MINS)

A call for unity among denominations, races, genders, etc.

Watch video here: <http://bit.ly/davidbowden>

THE HELP (146 MINS)

An aspiring author in the 1960s decides to write a book detailing the maids' point of view on the families they work for, and the hardships they go through.

Available online or in stores (R100), or at most video rental stores.

'THERE IS ALWAYS POTENTIAL' BY LIFEXCHANGE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT (1 MIN)

A short clip that reminds that our first impressions can be deceiving.

Watch video here: <http://bit.ly/lifexchange>

'IS JUSTICE WORTH IT?' BY POET MICAH BOURNES (2 MIN)

Doing justice means crossing some sort of divide. This video shows why it's worth it.

Watch video here: <http://bit.ly/micahjustice>

'HAPPY' (CAPE TOWN) MUSIC VIDEO

Part of the global response to the popular upbeat song by artist Pharrell Williams, and in celebrating Cape Town, this local version displays our city's diversity in an inspiring way.

Watch the video here: <http://bit.ly/CThappy>

Do

LISTEN TO SOMEONE'S STORY

Chat to someone from your sphere - work, gym, club, suburb, etc. - who you think is different from you in some way. Ask them to tell you about themselves, their story. Chat over a coffee or go beyond and host a meal in your home!

EXPLORE AND DISCOVER

Learn about God's heart for justice and explore how to respond to poverty and injustice, whether as a volunteer or making it part of your daily lifestyle.

Sign up for the next Social Justice 101 at www.commongood.org.za

LIVE UNDER THE LINE

Live below the poverty line for three days to identify with someone in a different socio-economic bracket to you. An impactful experience for small groups!

Learn more at www.commongood.org.za/LUTL

SHARE YOUR JOURNEY WITH US

We would love to hear from you! Share your experience with us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/commongoodSA) or email us at info@commongood.org.za

INVITE OTHERS TO JOIN YOU!

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