

## RECAP

Check in with each other.

**In what ways did you allow God to sit in the chair of judgment this week?  
In what ways was it a struggle?**

## IDEA 1

The church is a movie trailer that presents a preview of the kingdom of God.

**Read through the following scriptures together and discuss what stands out to you about the kingdom of God:**

*"...for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations." Isaiah 56:7*

*"Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus...through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations..." Romans 1:1,5*

*And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation." Rev. 5:9*

*After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands. Rev. 7:9*

## IDEA 2

**Read and review the 3 key questions Steve explored in his sermon. Discuss these further as a house church:**

- **Why is diversity of the church important?**
- **Why is cultural integration so hard?**
- **How can we pursue cultural and racial diversity as a church?**

## SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

**Take time to pray for the different ethnicities represented in Salem.** Here's a reminder of what they are:

24% of Salem's population are Latino.

6% of Salem's population are bi-cultural.

3% of Salem's population are Asian

2% of Salem's population African American

2% of Salem's population are Pacific Islander

1% of Salem's population are Native American

1% of Salem's population are Slavic

**Pray for us as a church that this would be a place where people who are not from the majority culture feel safe and loved**

**Pray for us as a church that nations represented in Salem would be represented in our church community**

**Pray for refugees who have been resettled in Salem and are adjusting to a new culture**

**Pray for opportunities to share dinners with others from different cultural backgrounds**

**Pray for opportunities to be discipled by others from different cultural backgrounds**

**Pray for anything else that comes to mind**

## APPLICATION

**Consider these 3 handles as you process how to apply the sermon:**

- **Who is discipling me on this topic?**
- **Invite someone who has a different cultural experience into your home.**
- **Allow someone from a different cultural background to form you spiritually.**

**What's a step you could take towards putting one of these into practice this week, or in the near future? Discuss this with 2-3 other people to close your time together.**