

Refocus

Multiethnic and Intergenerational

Read: Galatians 3:27-28; Deuteronomy 6:4-7

Introduction:

We are continuing in our series: **Refocus**. In the midst of all the chaos of the last eighteen months or so, the leadership thought it would best to step back and “**Refocus**” on our Vision and Mission at Redeemer.

So often when our lives are upended, it is easy to lose our way and to focus on the wrong things, causing us to wander away from Christ and his calling for our lives. Let’s take a look at our Vision and Mission statements:

***Redeemer’s Vision** (Who we are): We are a gospel centered, outward facing, multiethnic and multigenerational church.*

***Redeemer’s Mission** (What we do): Make disciples who will make disciples.*

Thus far in the series we have looked at what it means to be “Gospel Centered” and “Outward Facing.” Today we are turning our attention to one of the unique qualities of Redeemer: “Multiethnic and Multigenerational.”

What does this mean for us at Redeemer? How does this impact the way we live out the Gospel in our lives?

Discuss:

1. As you reflect on the sermon, what stood out to you?

Multiethnic

2. What do you think is the main point of Galatians 3:27-28?

3. Pastor Paul reminds us that for Christians, our central identity is not race, social status, or gender, but being in Christ. What does that mean to you?

4. We were reminded in the sermon that one way God is working at Redeemer is by bringing people of different ethnicities to our church. This is similar to the picture we see of heaven in Revelations 7. We see people from every tribe and nation worshipping together as they praise Christ. Part of being a disciple of Christ is to welcome and love one another. What does that look like in our multiethnic church?

Multigenerational/Intergenerational

5. Psalm 78:5-7 states,

He established a testimony in Jacob and set up a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers to teach to their children ⁶so that a future generation— children yet to be born—might know. They were to rise and tell their children ⁷so that they might put their confidence in God and not forget God’s works, but keep His commands.

Why do you think God places a high priority on passing on our faith to future generations?

6. Why do you think it is difficult for many of us to connect with people who are not in our age/stage of life?

7. What benefits do you see in meeting with others who are not in your age group?

Apply

Pastor Paul reminded us we cannot be Gospel Centered, Outward Facing, and Intergenerational by our own power. We need Christ and his word to humble our hearts so that we can be ambassadors of reconciliation. Take a moment to examine your heart. Where might the Holy Spirit be prompting you to grow? How welcoming are you to others, especially to those who are different than you? How are you sharing and passing your faith on to others? What steps do you need to take to grow in these areas?