

# Connect Group study

### Every tribe and tongue

The book of Revelation, and the Bible as a whole, paints a beautiful picture of a church that is diverse, and yet completely unified in their worship of God. This is what heaven will be like. This study focuses on this reality and what we can do to be a church like this on earth.

What do you think are the main benefits of being in a church where so many different nationalities are represented?

Read Revelation 7:9-12

#### Reflect

- Q1. What strikes you most about the picture that's painted in Revelation 7?
- Q2. What does this picture reveal about God's heart for diversity and unity amongst different nationalities?
- Q3. There are many things going on in the world today that undermine harmony amongst different people groups. Can you think of any and what do you think the Christian response should be to these things?
- Q4. What reassurance does Acts 10:34-35 give us and what else can we learn here about the nature of God?
- Q5. a. God, according to verse 34, doesn't show favouritism toward any one people group. Do you think that's true of most people you know? Explain your answer. b. Reflect honestly on your own life. Do you think you could genuinely say that you don't show favouritism? If not, what causes you to act more favourably to some?

# Respond

Q6. What steps do you think we can take to become more like God in our thinking and actions towards those of other cultures and races?

We have a huge opportunity to model to the world how a diverse group of people can also be completely united. Pray that we would maximise this opportunity.

# Key verse(s)

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; (Revelation 7:9 NIV)