Week 3: Kingdom First

The unity and diversity of the early church shocked and intrigued the ancient world. Our unity and diversity should similarly intrigue our world.

Discussion Questions

1. We often attribute someone's character to their behavior. For instance, what's your initial opinion of someone if you notice one of these below behaviors?

    Late · Lazy · Generous · Opinionated · Educated · Extravagant · Loud

2. In a similar way, people can make character judgments based on how other people lean politically. Why do you think people do that?

3. Read **Galatians 3:28,** where Paul talks about cultural barriers that should be minimized because of Jesus.

    - What stands out to you?
    - Are there cultural categories (e.g., gender, political parties, economic classes) that are hard for you to see as having equal value?

4. When it comes to having conversations about politics, would you describe yourself as more unifying or disruptive? What's something you can do (or stop doing) to approach political conversations in a healthier way?

To Consider

Christianity achieved the well-nigh impossible. The Christian doctrine elevated the individual soul, placing slave and master and commoner and nobleman alike on the same metaphysical footing, rendering them equal before God and the law. Christianity insisted that even the king was only one among many.

—Jordan Peterson, *12 Rules for Life*

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