Cultural Diversity Appreciation



Objective: To develop an awareness and appreciation for the cultural diversity within our church and society.

- 1. Define culture and cultural diversity.
- 2. Define stereotype and identify how you may have stereotyped people in the past.
- 3. Study the following Bible texts and answer the questions.
 - **a.** 1 Corinthians 9:20 How does this text explain the importance for a Christian to have a cultural diversity awareness?
 - **b.** Galatians 3:27 What does this text say about all who are in the family of Christ?
 - **c.** Ephesians 2:14 What should be the result of accepting Christ Jesus into our lives? How do you plan to apply this message to your everyday life?
- 4. Develop a friendship with a boy, girl or older person from your church, school or community whose cultural background is different from yours and conduct research from the following: library, internet, videos, encyclopedia, etc, about the culture. Arrange an interview with this family and complete the following:
 - **a.** Where did the culture originate?
 - **b.** What language is spoken?
 - **c.** What religions are prominent in that society?
 - **d.** What foods are typically eaten for:
 - (1) Breakfast
 - (2) Lunch
 - (3) Supper
 - e. How are eating habits influenced by the food available in that country?
 - **f.** Are there cultural traditions that are different from yours? What are they?
 - **g.** Do people of this culture celebrate the holidays that we celebrate? What customs do they have for celebrating the different holidays?
 - **h.** What customs or traditions from the original culture have been continued by the family in this country?
 - i. Is the dress different from dress in your culture?
 - **j.** Identify at least 5 ways in which you are similar and 5 things which make you different and tell how your attitude or feelings towards people of different cultural backgrounds has effected you? How do you feel about your differences?
 - **k.** Attend church with your friend if it is a different church than yours, or attend a church service of a different cultural group. Identify 3 similarities and 3 differences you observe in the church services.

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