COLOR BLESSED

Week I - Color-Blessed Table

SERMON RECAP:

Transformation Church was founded on an ancient promise—the promise God made to Abraham that He would give him a multiethnic family. That promise was fulfilled through Jesus —He is the One who tore down the dividing wall between Jew and Gentile. Unfortunately, we live in a world that still tries to keep up divisions between ethnic groups. There have been many responses to these divisions, one of which is to be color-blind. While it is true that, in Jesus, we all have equal standing before God, it's also true that in Jesus our differences are not obliterated, they are celebrated. We are not color-blind, we are color-blessed!

Arguably, there is no better way to celebrate than with a feast! A reality of the Gospel (euangelion) is that, through the victory of Jesus, all ethnicities are welcomed at God's colorblessed table. At this table we all have equal status before God, we are able to celebrate all ethnicities, and we can rest in the knowledge that all who trust in Jesus belong to Him. Your seat at the table has been reserved. Let's celebrate!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Upward

- Read Matthew 8:10-11. What is significant about the fact that God has invited Gentiles to the heavenly feast with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob?
- Read Galatians 3:8-9. It says the gospel was proclaimed ahead of time to Abraham—this is before the time of Jesus. What is the gospel that was proclaimed?

Inward

- Have you ever thought about how your ethnicity is celebrated by God? What is something unique about your ethnicity that you can celebrate?
- Read Galatians 3:27. What does it mean to be clothed in Christ? How does this change your posture toward yourself and others?

Outward

• Read Galatians 3:28-29. How can you celebrate the diversity of people around you? What is a tangible step you can take?