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WARM UP QUESTION: When was the last time you tried a new food? What was it like?

READ: Genesis 1-3; Galatians 5:16-25

FOCUS: God unites mankind to His diverse community and mission.

OBSERVE:

- In the beginning of creation, God was diverse, but in community as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Out of that diversity, He created man and woman. Though different, God made them to be “one flesh.” Adam and Eve were to work together in fellowship with God and each other, and to be fruitful and multiply.
- Sin separated Adam and Eve from God. Adam blamed Eve; Eve blamed the serpent.
- God, through His mercy and love, gave His Son, Jesus, to cover the sin of all mankind and reunite the diverse mankind with God. Through Jesus, God forgives all of our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness. We are transformed.
- Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to guide us so that we can reflect His glory, becoming a beautifully diverse Church, and modeling God’s love for every nation, tribe, people and language.

REFLECT:

- What areas of difference make you feel separated from others?
- How are you actively participating in God’s mission, pursuing unity with Christ-followers who are different from you?

TAKE ACTION:

- Start a conversation with someone you don’t know and is different from you. Ask them about their life story and share some of your life story! Talk about ways you are different and discover things you have in common.
- Share with your group how getting to know them helped you to know more about the thoughts and experiences of those different from you.

PRAY: *Father God, we repent of the division sin brought into the world. Open the eyes of our hearts to see each person as You do. Holy Spirit, fill Your Church to bring together unity and intimate closeness within diverse mankind to reflect Your glory. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.*