



Insular Culture

Devotional featuring Walter Strickland

When you have the joy of teaching kids how to spell and how to read, you scribble letters down onto paper and continually try to instill in them the facts that each letter has a name, each letter has a sound. But when the individual letters are brought together, they combine to make something greater than they could alone. When brought together, they can spell words like mom, dad, Nana, or Papa. When these letters are brought together, they are worth more than the sum of their parts. We see the divine mastermind in Revelation Chapter seven, verses nine and 10 of God brining His people together.

But more often than not, we find people trying to resist coming together like this because of cultural unease or personal preferences. It is God's work to bring people together. The book of Revelation inspires us toward faithfulness by giving us a glorious picture of this Kingdom vision. Verses nine and ten of chapter seven say this, "After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: 'Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.'"

Not only was there a multitude of people, but they were also from every nation, tribe, and language. God's people didn't lose their cultural distinctions because they were in the kingdom, they kept it and God was glorified because of it. Oftentimes when we come together, we try to minimize our differences in order to bring about unity. But what we see here is that it is the distinctions that revealed Christ instead. May your schools, your classrooms, and your parent teacher conferences elevate Christ so that you celebrate the differences and you come together, exalting Christ in unity.



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REFLECT

What do we learn about God from Revelation 7:9-10?

Do find yourself minimizing differences or celebrating when you encounter differences in others?

As a school, how are we reflecting Revelation 7:9-10?