

As One at 10 Intro – Unity and Diversity

Good Morning and welcome to today's As One at 10. It's great to have you joining us as we meet across the city and beyond to worship God.

We have a powerful and wonderful Creator God who loves us and knows everything about us. Our joys, sorrows, fears and longings. I pray that as we worship this day, each one of us will know a very real sense of God being with us. Our comforter, healer, restorer and giver of joy.

This morning Tim is going to be exploring more of our vision and values as we consider being United yet Diverse.

In our church family God longs for us to be united as one and we need to learn how to be family despite having different backgrounds, views and behaviours.

I am the youngest of 5 and there is a real sense of unity within my clan, yet there are some very different characteristics, gifts, attitudes and habits. Diverse yet united.

Before I pray, a few verses from Ephesians 4

“As a prisoner of the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Father God, would you speak to us this morning and help us to grow in unity as a church family. In your name. **AMEN**