In Our Veins: Different is Beautiful

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Carly Stender, TLC's pastoral resident shared from Scripture God's heart for diversity expressed in unity as she taught our value "Different is Beautiful". All throughout scripture we see that God not only loves diversity but is gathering a diverse people to himself in Christ Jesus. Diversity shows off the gospel work that we are all in need of a savior and we are all equal in Christ. Our passion for diversity is not connected to what our modern culture thinks of the subject but of what God does. If God is passionate about diversity then we must be as well.

Getting Started

Read

Revelation 7:9-10, John 17:20-23, Galatians 3:26-29

Digging Deeper

- 1. Why do you think diversity living in unity is a physical representation of the Gospel's power in our lives?
- 2. Carly shared a story about a friend she met in college that was very different from her and how that impacted her life. What experiences do you have in relationships with people that look, act, and believe differently than you?
- 3. There were 3 action steps to take to grow in this value: Get Praying, Get Proximate, and Get Personal. Talk through these three ideas and gently evaluate how you are doing in each area. What does the Holy Spirit seem to be saying to you? (Remember, the voice of Jesus is rarely harsh and never shaming... make sure it's His voice you are listening for.)

