



Multicultural Ministries:

God's Gift to the Local Church

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What IS Multicultural Ministry?

Multicultural ministry is what we are all called to do and be about in our lives as Christ-followers. It is to be the total ministry of local congregations, mission agencies or any organization in the world representing Christ and the kingdom of God.

Perhaps you have heard multicultural ministry narrowly defined as ministry pertaining to ethnic and race relations. We encourage you to stretch your hearts and minds to revisit Jesus words found in Mark 12:28-31 (NRSV):

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Jesus asks his followers to love God with all our hearts, minds and strength and our neighbor as ourselves. The first assignment, then, is to ask ourselves: "Who IS my neighbor?"

We hope and pray that this study will challenge you individually, and your group and/or church collectively, to rethink your ministry in light of the *biblical* mandate of this greatest commandment.

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When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty without Hurting the Poor and Yourself

By Steve Corbett & Brian Fikkert Moody Publishers, 2009

Best if book is purchased by all participants

- If too costly, then OK if one book per leader of small group
- If still too costly, then OK if one book per small group

Curriculum Outline – options for 12-week or 3-week formats

Start with leader/facilitator training – at least two sessions – prepare leaders for the whole church or for small groups

Twelve-week Curriculum

Introduction/Preface and opening exercises

Week One – pages 11 to 28

Part One – Foundational Concepts

Week Two – chapter 1, pages 30 to 49

page 30 – complete “Initial Thoughts” at the beginning of each chapter
pages 48, 49 – complete “Reflection Questions & Exercises

Week Three – chapter 2, pages 50 to 73

page 50 – complete “Initial Thoughts” at the beginning of each chapter
pages 72, 73 – complete “Reflection Questions & Exercises

Week Four – chapter 3, pages 74 to 99

page 74 – complete “Initial Thoughts” at the beginning of each chapter
pages 98, 99 – complete “Reflection Questions & Exercises

Part Two – General Principles

Week Five – chapter 4, pages 102 to 122

page 102 – complete “Initial Thoughts” at the beginning of each chapter
pages 121, 122 – complete “Reflection Questions & Exercises

Week Six – chapter 5, pages 124 to 139

page 124 – complete “Initial Thoughts” at the beginning of each chapter
pages 139 – complete “Reflection Questions & Exercises

Week Seven – chapter 6, pages 140 to 158

page 140 – complete “Initial Thoughts” at the beginning of each chapter
pages 152, 153, 154, 155 – complete “Reflection Questions & Exercises
pages 155, 156, 157, 158 – read “The Rest of the Story”

Part Three – Practical Strategies

Week Eight – chapter 7, pages 160 to 180

page 180 – complete “Initial Thoughts” at the beginning of each chapter
pages 179, 180 – complete “Reflection Questions & Exercises

Week Nine – chapter 8, pages 182 to 199

page 182 – complete “Initial Thoughts” at the beginning of each chapter
pages 198, 199 – complete “Reflection Questions & Exercises

Week Ten – chapter 9, pages 200 to 218

page 200 – complete “Initial Thoughts” at the beginning of each chapter
page 218 – complete “Reflection Questions & Exercises

Summary and Reflections - Week Eleven

Application - Week Twelve

Three-week Curriculum

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Chapter 3, pages 74 to 99

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pages 98, 99 – complete “Reflection Questions & Exercises

Part Two – General Principles

Week Two – pages 102 to 139

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pages 152, 153, 154, 155 – complete “Reflection Questions & Exercises
pages 155, 156, 157, 158 – read “The Rest of the Story”

Part Three – Practical Strategies

Week Three – pages 160 to 218

Chapter 7, pages 160 to 180

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page 200 – complete “Initial Thoughts” at the beginning of each chapter
page 218 – complete “Reflection Questions & Exercises

Summary and Reflections

Application

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