



Diversity LIFE meeting April 10, 2008

Welcome to Life (play song, artist is Matt Maher)

7:00 Opening Prayer:

Dear God, We would like to pray for peace and justice among the people of the world. We want racism to leave us, and for us to understand that we are all brothers and sisters of the same race, the human race. Amen.

1 Corinthians 12:12-25 As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. Now the body is not a single part, but many. If a foot should say, "Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body," it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. Or if an ear should say, "Because I am not an eye I do not belong to the body," it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended. If they were all one part, where would the body be? But as it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I do not need you," nor again the head to the feet, "I do not need you." Indeed, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are all the more necessary, and those parts of the body that we consider less honorable we surround with greater honor, and our less presentable parts are treated with greater propriety, whereas our more presentable parts do not need this. But God has so constructed the body as to give greater honor to a part that is without it, so that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same concern for one another. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.

7:10 Stereotypes-Take one step forward, one step backward icebreaker

Forward if you...

- Go to a catholic school
- Go to Church on Sunday
- Have a curfew
- Have more than 3 siblings
- Have been on multiple retreats

- Have a dog
- Are Planning on going to college
- Have never seen an R-rated movie
- Have your own room
- Have vacationed out of the US
- Own more than 10 pairs of shoes
- Both of your parents have a job
- Are going to Cincy 2000!!!

Backward if you...

- Have a facebook or myspace page
- Have a cellphone
- Or your family has a computer
- Are an only child
- Or your friends have ever drunk alcohol
- Have a cat
- Know someone that has been in jail
- Have been pulled over
- Have cheated on a test
- Have to pay for your own gas
- Have gotten grounded in the past 6 months
- Have failed a class
- Or a friend has gone through depression
- Have been on a mission trip
- Have clogged a toilet
- Have had a summer job
- Just lost the Game

7:25 Small groups- **Need large paper and colorful markers for flowers**

Do you feel you are accepting of others who are different from you? Explain.

Have you ever felt like someone didn't accept you because you were different? Explain.

What is a stereotype? Give examples.

Draw circle. What is something we all have in common that we can put in the center of our flower? Now everyone draw a petal for yourself and inside write something that makes you different from everyone else in the group.

7:45 Present flowers to large group.

8:00 Forehead Stereotypes -Typed on Stickers

8:15 Diversity Awareness Quiz- 4 corners of the room- powerpoint

8:25 Closing Prayer-

If you've ever looked at someone and saw that the goodness is inside, no matter what was on the outside, then you've seen God. . .with your eyes. If you've ever heard a song, that brings joy and hope to everyone around you, no matter who says it's stupid or holy, then you've heard God. . .with your ears. If you've eaten your relatives' cooking, and found the care and love baked into everything, no matter how awful it tastes, then you've tasted God. . .with your mouth. If you've ever smelled lilacs and roses, growing in a grassy, green meadow, and you jumped and played no matter how silly you looked, then you've smelled God. . .with your nose. If you've ever recognized that Jesus is in everyone, and you've done that extra good thing and gone that extra mile, no matter how hard the road, then you've felt God. . .with your heart.

8:30 *We Are One Body* (play song; artist is DANA)

(see Diversity Sticker labels on following pages)

Illegal Immigrants

Criminal

Asian

Princess

Movie Star

Drama Queen

African American

Gay/Lesbian

Canadian

Redneck

Short person

Tall Person

Native American

Hispanic

Prep

Jock

Nerd

High School Dropout

Blind Person

Deaf Person

Homeless Person

Fat Person

Skinny Person

Promiscuous Person

Selfish Person

Stoner

Jesus Freak

Hippie

Stupid Person

Smart Person

Loud Person

Quiet Person

Thespian

Smelly Person

Annoying Person

Tom Boy

Tree Hugger

Person with
Dyed Hair

Person with
multiple piercings

Person with Tattoos