



DESPERATE DIVERSITY _____

“It takes a diverse church to reach a diverse city”

Connect:

- Talk about your week. Work? Spouse? Kids? Relationship with Christ? Spiritual Disciplines? Weekend Challenges from Shift Church?
- If money and time were no object, what would you be doing differently with your life?

Grow:

- Refer to the visual below as you discuss these questions.
- We talked this week about how it takes a diverse church to reach a diverse city, so we need to become desperate for diversity.
- Read Matthew 28:18-19 and discuss these questions.
 1. When Jesus talks about making disciples of all nations, what does that mean? Is Jesus charging us with this task of making disciples of all nations, or is he just talking to people that want to do far-away missionary work? The truth is, we are called to reach all different kinds of people around us and we can ignore it and remain comfortable, or we can become dependent on God plan, so...
 2. Do you make it a point in your life to develop relationships with people that look, think, and act differently than you? If so, share your experience. If not, what is holding you back?
- Read 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 and discuss the following questions.
 1. What are ways you can make yourself a servant to all? Discuss various ethnic, socioeconomic, and religious backgrounds that you can serve for the sake of the gospel?
- We talked about how we can kill stereotypes in our lives:
 1. It takes Teamwork to make the Dream Work!
 2. Play Unselfishly – It’s not my preferences that matter, it’s Jesus!
 3. Don’t waste opportunities!
 4. Never give up! Ever!
- Discuss ways you can engage these concepts as a group and as

individuals to make Shift Church desperate for diversity.

Go:

- The follow is a list of challenges that you have been asked to participate in between now and Easter.
- Steps:
 - Invite 2 people to Easter @ Shift Church. Make it a point to invite someone outside of your comfort zone.
 - Read scripture every day between now and Easter.
 - Come to Church every weekend between now and Easter.
 - You figure it out. Seek God's direction for your life.
 - Pray desperately for 10 minutes every day between now and Easter.
 - Commit to being baptized at our Baptism Celebration in May.

