



# Embracing Change

Multi-Ethnic Ministry Series: Video 4 - Dialogue 1

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- Group Facilitator:** Take a moment to outline what the discussion will be, and open your time together with prayer.
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- Scripture Reading:** Luke 4:14-21
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- Opening Exercise:** View Video 4 – “Changing Our Focus”
- Give participants a moment of silence after viewing the video to reflect on what phrase or idea left the greatest impression on them. Have participants write down the phrase or idea so they don’t forget!
- Ask, “What spoke to you and why?”
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- Opening Questions:** What changes have you observed in your community and city during the past 20 years?
- What changes in the world have impacted your community?
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- Scripture Focus:** Matthew 25:31-46
- Describe the different people groups and characteristics Jesus identifies in this passage.
- From the context of this passage, who are the people in your community and city Jesus would be talking about?
- How does Jesus distinguish between the “goats” and “sheep”?
- What does this passage teach us about how we can connect with the heart of God?
- What keeps us from seeing and responding to the needs of marginalized people?
- As Jesus followers, how do we cultivate sensitivity and respond to the need of “the least of these brothers and sisters”?
- How might our church focus on the heart of God for all the people in our community? Our city? Our world?
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- Personal Response:** Identify how you can be a positive voice for change within our church and community.
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- Group Facilitator:** Have participants close their time together with prayer.