

## **Life Group Notes**

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**Series:** INVITED

**Title:** Invited

**Passage:** Revelation 7:1-17

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### **Introduction**

God's passion for diversity, goes beyond ethnicity, culture and race. etc It goes beyond having a multi-cultural church in Reading. You may not be feeling invited because of race, it might be education, it might be singleness, age, background, physical disability, etc God's passion for diversity is way bigger than ours in such a glorious and exciting way.

### **GOD'S SEAL (OWNERSHIP AND PRESERVATION) Revelations 7: 1 – 8.**

These verses talk about ownership and preservation. Where John heard a list of 144,000 people. This is a symbolic number it refers to the full number of the servants of our God all believers from every tribe Jew and Greek.

They will be protected and preserved amidst the trouble coming into the world by God's seal being placed on their head.

### **EVERY TRIBE, NATION AND PEOPLE Revelations 7:9 – 12**

He sees an uncountable multitude from every tribe worshipping the lamb. These uncountable number is the same number as 144,000..... In revelation, we often see John hearing something and thinking that it is the whole but immediately God showing him the whole. The full picture. E.g Just like he hears about the lion of the tribe of Judah in Revelation 5 and he sees the lamb. He hears about the 144,000 and then sees the multitude from every tribe in Revelation 7. These scriptures dwarf's every picture of diversity we can ever have.

### **VICTORIOUS REIGNS OF THE NATIONS Revelations 7:13 – 17**

These people have gone through tribulations and the lamb will be their shepherds that will lead them to a place where no one will suffer or cry any more.

World history is matching into a great multicultural diversity where every tribe from every nation will be praising and glorifying God as we are sheltered and catered by God. This is what this scripture is all about.

### **WHAT DO WE DO NOW?**

Paul continued to share his faith despite his situation being in chains. We are to continue sharing the gospel despite the internal or external prison we find ourselves in. He did not let his circumstances define him or limit him in achieving the mind and the will of God in reaching the nations. Would you do the same?

### **QUESTIONS:**

1. Share your reflections from this message and the entire series?
2. What is the prison/chain holding you back?
3. In what practical ways do you want to continue applying the things you have received in this series?