

Is a Church for All Nations?

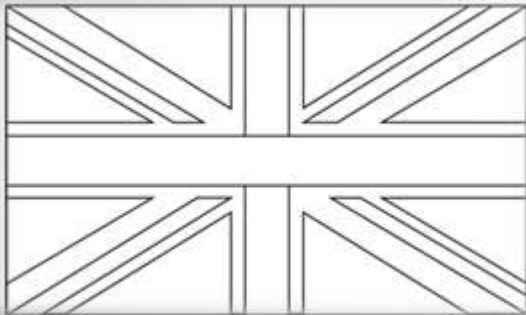
Possible?

Desirable?

Biblical?

- Which nationalities do we have here at Argyle Community Church?

- Word Search
- Flag colouring



For the kids

Word Search - Countries & Flags

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Using the flags find the names of the countries in the grid



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Word Search

- College in Hertfordshire or Biblical phrase?
- 195x in Bible
- Bible references?

'All Nations'

- **Genesis 12-28 – 5x promise to Abraham**
 - **'...and through you all nations will be blessed...'**
- **Psalms 67:2-3**
 - **'...that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among the nations...let the nations be glad!'**
- **Isaiah 56:7**
 - **'...my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations ...'**

Top Three OT!

- **Matthew 28:18-20**
 - **'Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...'**
- **Mark 13:10**
 - **... and the gospel must first be preached to all nations.'**
- **Revelation 15:4**
 - **'All nations will come and worship before you.'**

Top Three NT!

- Peoples
- Tribes
- Tongues
- Foreigners
- Aliens
- Strangers

Other Bible terms

- Internationals
- Refugees
- Migrants
- Asylum seekers
- The Stateless

Some modern terms

- God created all peoples
- God loves all nations
- The gospel is for every tribe
- God's people is 'one new humanity'
- God's praise will be sung in every tongue

Overall message?

- What's that got to do with church?

OK ... but...

- The Gentile Question

NT church dilemma

- *'When Ephesians was written there were two major cultures represented in the Christian church, the Jewish and the Greek. They could easily have formed separate churches, but that thought does not occur to the author.'*
- Prof. Andrew Walls

How many churches are there?

- v. 15
- 'His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace...'

- v. 19
- 'Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household...'

Ephesians 2:15 & 19

- Not always easy...

Multi-cultural church

- Greetings
- Emotional expressiveness
- Teaching style
- Hospitality
- Communication style
- Time keeping
- Privacy
- Personal warmth
- Leadership style
- Family
- Decision making
- Etc.

Misunderstandings

Getting it wrong

- Interviews at 8 churches

My Dissertation

- Diversity expressed across:
 - 1) Congregation
 - 2) Leadership
 - 3) Ethos

Rev. John Root

What does a multicultural church look like?