

WAITANGI

Sunday 4th February 2024

Intro

This week we're using the occasion of Waitangi Day to reflect on our place as a church and why we believe we need to begin a bicultural journey. Life Group this week is a good opportunity to look at some of the relevant Scriptures, reflect on one another's perspectives, and pray for God's wisdom and grace for both us and our nation with all that is ahead.

1. What was your initial reaction to Simon's message?
2. Have a look at Revelation 5:9-10 on the nature of the church that Jesus is building.
 - a. What stands out to you about what that will sound like and look like?
 - b. In what ways is it different from today? Why do you think that's the case?

3. Simon talked about five challenges that we face on the journey (Shepherding, Discipling, Gospel, Tokenism, and Goal).
 - a. Which do you see as the most challenging and why?
 - b. What other challenges can you see?

4. As you think about the prospect of a long-term journey towards a shared tikanga, what excites you the most? What makes you most nervous?

5. Why not spend some time in prayer as a group.
 - a. Pray for the journey we're about to embark on as a church.
 - b. Pray for Aoteroa. For the government, for iwi, for all people in the conversations on the Treaty that are coming this year.
 - c. Pray for the Gospel in Aotearoa, the true message of reconciliation. That it would go out like in Acts 11:21.