



Practical Skills for Connecting with Other Cultures

**‘UNDERSTANDING AND EMBRACING
DIVERSITY’**

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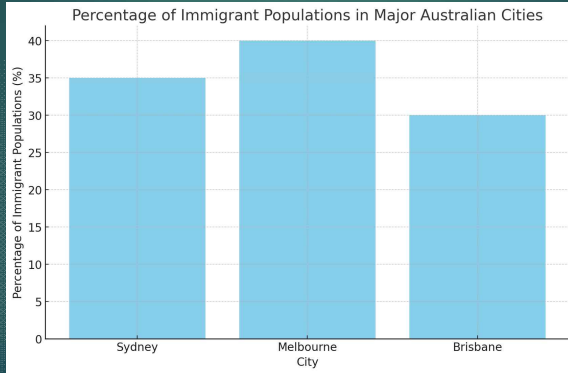
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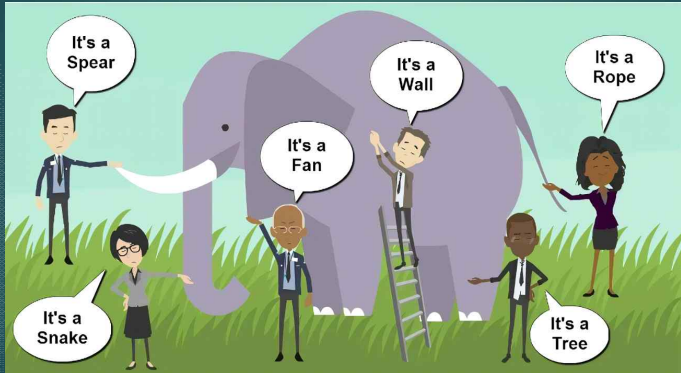
Why Connecting with Other Cultures is Important

- ▶ The growing multicultural nature of Australia

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- ▶ Key question: How can we connect with others and build meaningful relationships?

A Vision of Heaven's Diversity

- ▶ Revelation 7:9-12: "A great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language..."



<https://www.godreports.com/2023/06/who-are-the-great-multitude-in-revelation-7/>

A Vision of Heaven's Diversity

► Key Takeaway

The Image of God in All People



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When we recognize that every person is created in God's image, it shapes how we connect with others, especially from different cultures. It reminds us that, despite our differences, we share a common dignity and worth.

Respecting Cultural Differences

Understanding that all people reflect God's image helps us see their value in His eyes. This respect goes beyond cultures and acknowledges the inherent value God has placed in them.

Diversity Reflects God's Creativity

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- The image of God is present in everyone, no matter their culture or background. The diversity we see in the world reflects God's creativity, expressing His beauty in many ways.

The Image of God in All People

- Changing How We View and Treat Others
 - Embracing this truth changes how we view others, moving from seeing differences as divisions to recognizing them as part of God's beautiful design. It leads to respect and unconditional love for all people.

Building Relationships with Respect and Understanding

- Relationships, especially across cultures, should be rooted in mutual respect and understanding. We should see differences as opportunities to learn and grow, treating others with kindness, dignity, and empathy, as God would want us to.

5 Practical Skills for Connecting with Other Cultures

- ▶ **1. Active Listening:** Listen to understand, not just respond.
- ▶ How can we apply this skills in the church context?

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- ▶ 2. Cultural Awareness: Learn about and respect others' traditions and customs.
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3. Open-Mindedness: Be open to learning and accepting differences.

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4. Empathy: Put yourself in others' shoes to better understand their experiences.

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5. Communication: Be clear, patient, and adaptable in your interactions.

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Practical ways to engage with people of other cultures

1) How do you think a stranger here from a different culture feels about meeting you?

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2) How do I approach a stranger?

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3) How do you build a relationship where you are both feeling comfortable?

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4) After over twenty years...

Building Relationships Across Cultures

- ▶ Relationships are key to connecting with other cultures.
- ▶ Examples of relationship-building: community events, shared experiences, and learning from each other.
- ▶ Key Point: Authentic relationships break down barriers and help bridge cultural gaps.

Embracing Diversity in the Church

- ▶ How can a diverse church community reflect the love and unity in Christ?

Embracing Diversity in the Church

- ▶ The importance of making all feel welcome, regardless of background.
- ▶ Examples of how your church community can actively support multicultural engagement.

Challenges and Opportunities in Cross-Cultural Connections



► <https://safety4sea.com/cm-how-to-make-yourself-see-every-challenge-as-an-opportunity/>

Challenges and Opportunities in Cross-Cultural Connections

- ▶ Key Takeaway: Embrace challenges as opportunities to grow and better reflect Christ's love.

Share our stories...

- ▶ multicultural music
- ▶ The Korean group gathering
- ▶ Asian Connection
- ▶ New Comer's lunch



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Asian connection



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Our vision today is to celebrate our unity in Christ, strengthen the bonds between our congregations, offer mutual encouragement and support, and facilitate learning and growth, all while bearing witness to the transformative power of the gospel, so that God may be glorified and His kingdom advanced through our time together.

01

Praise songs

- Let your kingdom come
- Hosanna
- King of Kings

02

Bible Reading

- 2 Tim 3:14-16

03

Preaching

- Why do we trust the Bible?

04

Prayer

- Song: King of Kings
- Pray together



Q & A