



## TALKING POINTS



### ***Embodying God's Multiethnic Kingdom*** *Live Out the Diversity of Heaven Every Day*

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## Practical Steps Toward Unity

**Sunday at 11 a.m. remains America's most segregated hour—but healing won't happen in the pews alone.**

In this timely and hopeful book, pastor Nathan Walton calls readers to embrace a multiethnic lifestyle between Sundays. He argues that it's not enough to have a diverse-looking church if we live separate lives the rest of the week. When advocacy for justice doesn't lead to relationship, and when diversity is performative rather than embodied, true multiethnicity remains elusive.

*Embodying God's Multiethnic Kingdom* offers practical steps toward unity without uniformity and diversity without division through an accessible framework for living out reconciliation in your daily rhythms, moving beyond performance to authentic, life-giving community. You'll learn how a multiethnic lifestyle, though challenging, is both possible and necessary for Christians.

*Embodying God's Multiethnic Kingdom* explores the following questions, and more:

- How did the church become so divided?
- What keeps us stuck in this division?
- How have cultural idols contributed to the situation?
- Why is a diverse-looking church not the solution?
- What practical steps can pastors take toward unity?
- What steps can congregants take?
- What are "Walton's Four R's of Multiethnic Living" and how do they uniquely address the problem?
- What does it look like to live out reconciliation on a daily basis?

*Embodying God's Multiethnic Kingdom* is for pastors, church leaders, and everyday Christians who desire to see a more unified church but feel overwhelmed or unsure of where to start. Whether you serve from the pulpit or the pew, this book equips you to live out reconciliation in everyday life and reflect the beauty of God's kingdom across every line that divides us.



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## Q & A



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## Solutions for a Divided Church

### **What motivated you to write *Embodying God's Multiethnic Kingdom*?**

**Nathan Walton:** I was motivated to write this book because during my time in formal ministry and consulting I have become deeply familiar with the limitations of conventional approaches to racial and ethnic disunity in the church. This book is for Christians who are concerned about the racial and ethnic divisions within American churches and who want to do something about it.

### **Briefly summarize the central thesis of your book. What is distinctive about this idea or your approach?**

**Nathan:** Although cross-cultural relationships, congregational diversity, and racial justice are all critical Christian pursuits, they become performative gestures when they are not coupled with a deeper commitment to a multiethnic lifestyle in the everyday. This book argues that the solution to a racially divided church is a commitment to multiethnic lifestyles “between Sundays.”

### **What are the five main things you want readers to take away from your book?**

**Nathan:**

1. Thesis: The solution to a racially divided church is a commitment to multiethnic lifestyles “between Sundays.” (“Four Rs of Multiethnic Living”)
2. Residence: Where we live affects our ability to pursue multiethnicity because it impacts our capacity to become tangibly rooted in diverse communities.
3. Recreation: How we live greatly impacts our ability to pursue multiethnicity because it shapes the contours of our social lives.
4. Resources: How we use our resources greatly impacts our ability to pursue multiethnicity because it can promote racial justice.
5. Religion: How we interact with Christians across demographic differences greatly impacts our ability to pursue multiethnicity as a united church.

### **Is there anything else you want to let us know about the book?**

**Nathan:** This book offers a constructive and practical account of how a multiethnic lifestyle is challenging, accessible, and necessary for Christians. It is for both leaders and laity who desire to see a more united church but are either discouraged or overwhelmed with the scale of our division.



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*"Nathan Walton offers both clarity and courage for a church still divided along lines it was never meant to hold. He moves us beyond aspiration into embodied practice. This book reminds us that reconciliation is not an event but a way of life shaped by everyday choices. Walton invites us to pursue unity without erasing difference. This is a timely and necessary resource for leaders and practitioners who long to see the church more fully reflect the kingdom of God."* —Lorenzo A. Watson, CEO and president of the Christian Community Development Association

## **Equipping Churches to Pursue Multiethnicity**

**Nathan Walton** (PhD, University of Virginia) is a pastor in the Evangelical Covenant Church and serves at East End Fellowship in Richmond, Virginia. He also hosts the *East End Fellowship Podcast*. Nathan has spent his career equipping churches for theologically informed social engagement. His vocation as a pastor, teacher, and writer has focused on race and multiethnicity within churches in America. He previously served as Pastor of Formation and Discipleship at Charlottesville Vineyard Church and Executive Director of Charlottesville Abundant Life Ministries.

In *Embodying God's Multiethnic Kingdom*, Nathan draws from over ten years of pastoral ministry in multiethnic churches, his experiences consulting with churches that are pursuing multiethnicity, and his thirteen years of theological training. That training includes four degrees in religion, including a Master of Divinity degree from Duke Divinity School and a B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. from the University of Virginia. Through this ecclesial and academic pedigree Nathan has gained extensive subject matter expertise as well as proficiency as a writer, teacher, consultant, and coach.

Aside from these roles, Nathan has also served on a number of boards, including as Chair for the Center for Nonprofit Excellence, Co-Chair of the Equal Justice USA Evangelical Network Advisory Team, Vice President of Richmonders Involved to Strengthen Our Communities, and Vice Chair of Theological Horizons. Through these experiences, he has gained a deep understanding of strategic planning, program oversight, staff management, and organizational best practices.

Nathan is from a small town of 300 people in southern Virginia called Brodnax, and he currently lives in Richmond, Virginia with his wife, Diamond, and two daughters, Esperanza and Vera Mae.

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