

Cross Barriers
Sermon Based Discussion (January 10, 2016)
Race & Culture Emphasis 2016, part 1

WARM UP

1. Imagine you are planning a trip to another country with a totally different language and culture. What would be appealing about traveling to other cultures? What might you find unappealing about that?

INTO THE BIBLE (Read Acts 1:6-8)

2. What does Jesus mean when he tells his followers to be his "witnesses"?
3. What barriers does Jesus command his disciples to cross when he told them to witness in "Jerusalem, and all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth?"
4. How might Jesus' disciples have felt when they heard *where* Jesus wanted them to go witness?

UNDERSTANDING

5. Pastor Enoch said in the message that one clue you may be crossing a barrier is that you feel uncomfortable. Would you agree or disagree and why?

6. What would you say to someone who uses this passage to say that every local church should strive to be as diverse as possible? Is this a legitimate application of this text?

DIFFERENCE

7. Did/do you encounter any barriers for you and your friends/family to participate in the BCEC community?
8. Does BCEC being a Chinese heritage church actually *remove or lessen* some barriers for some people? Please explain.

APPLICATION

9. What is a question or issue this topic or sermon raises for you?
10. How might God be challenging us a church or individually to cross barriers to witness for Christ?