



new life fellowship

Sermon Title: The New Family of Jesus

Speaker: Rich Villodas – Lead Pastor

Scriptures: Revelation 7:9-10

The Great Multitude in White Robes

9 After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. 10 And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb.”

Sermon Summary:

New Life is a vibrant community made up of people from over 75 nations. Our diversity is a beautiful gift from God—and also a significant challenge. We've learned much on this journey, and we recognize there's still much more to learn. This Sunday, we're launching a new 8-week sermon series titled The New Family of Jesus. In it, we'll deepen our commitment to our core value of Justice and Reconciliation—a value that has shaped our church from the very beginning. Together, we'll explore how to resist a culture of division, dehumanization, and deception, and instead embrace a vision of reconciliation that transforms our hearts, relationships, and the broader fabric of our social lives.

Sermon Questions:

- 1. Share one way your family growing up liked to gather? Pastor Rich shared examples of a family movie night and meals.**
- 2. Slowly read Revelation 7:9-10 a couple of times and try to imagine the scene. What images or words stand out to you? How does this ultimate vision of worship in diversity and unity inspire or challenge you?**

Notes:

- Revelation shows us where we are headed- what the world is going to look like when Jesus makes all things new
- Revelation let's us know the victory is won because of what Christ Jesus has done
- When you know what is going to happen, you can have more strength to endure

- 3. What do you think we as the new family of Jesus should look like to the world? What characteristics and actions would you ideally like to see displayed by the Church?**

Notes: In the series we are highlighting that we are to be a people of resistance and reconciliation. People of reconciliation:

- Celebrate diversity
- Take the fears of others seriously
- Live compassionately
- Listen deeper to each other
- Make sure others are treated fairly

- 4. Which of these 5 marks of reconciliation do you think you need to work on the most and why?**

- 5. Take time to pray for God to form us in his family in ways that reflect the beauty, diversity, and unity of Revelation 7. Ask God to help us in areas where we struggle to be people of resistance and reconciliation.**