



Body of Christ - One Blood

"And He has made from one blood every nation of men..." Acts 17:26a, NKJV

On Thursday, June 10, 2021, the second of two groups of around 20 participants from Sanlo completed a study on a book titled "One Blood" by Dr. John Perkins. It was a call from Dr. Perkins to the Church to consider and understand that as a body of Christ we are all reconciled as one blood in Jesus. Though there may be ethnic differences, we are of the same one blood created equally by God with the same Gospel message of reconciliation to everyone regardless of race.

Personally it was a wonderful eye opening experience studying with many different churches in the Bay Area. Open and honest communication among pastors and participants helped to erase or at the very least created a safe space to work through erroneous stereotypes and prejudices. Among the 30+ pastors who met weekly to prepare for each study, I sensed a unity that despite our differences we were united in Christ. What struck me most was that through discussing "One Blood" in this environment gave a broader

appreciation and perspective to the message of the Gospel.

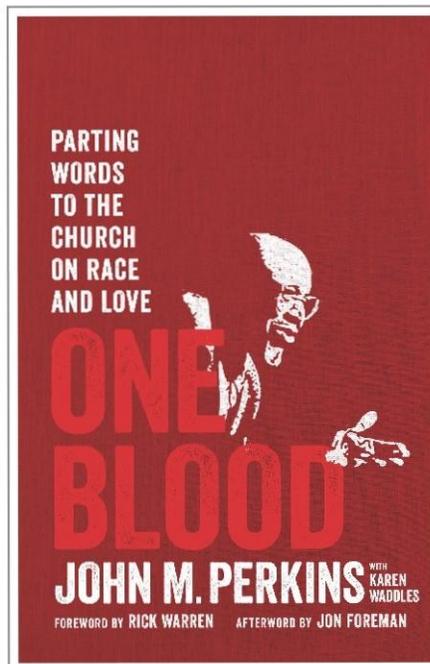
- Pastor Brian Tekawa

Through the One Blood study, I was reminded that though my neighbor may look like me, we could have vastly different life experiences;

though my neighbor may look nothing like me, we could have many things in common. I value the sharing of experiences that serve as a reminder that Jesus is the ultimate Reconciler. Though we understandably long for equity and justice on this earth, our trust remains in Jesus the Healer, Jesus the Righteous, Jesus the Reconciler. There have been scores of people - many of our ancestors included - who have lived lives marked with injustice. Yet despite unfortunate circumstances

or intentional ill treatment, God has used them for His Glory in ways only our God can. To be in a small group of like-minded yet diverse believers discussing these realizations - a very special sort of fellowship- was something I looked forward to each week!

- Adora Lee



When I think about One Blood, I picture people from diverse backgrounds coming together in unity of spirit in the Spirit to wrestle with hard questions, learn, and listen to each other's experiences. I know that sounds simple and general, but it's powerful. The pastors across the East Bay modeled it for us, not just during the 10 weeks but through their act of coming together regularly in the past year. Their love for one another is

evident and it really helps set the tone for the rest of us. For a time years ago, I regularly was part of a church where there were only a couple people who were Asian or young adult. Many didn't have the same upbringing I did, nor I have theirs. I found it really refreshing to be unified solely because of our passion for God and our common

experience of being transformed by God's grace. One Blood was reminiscent of that. As me and my husband prepare to move cross-culturally in the near future, my memory of the One Blood experience is going to fuel my resolve to appreciate differences, recognize other people's pain, and contend for unity. Jesus did so. It brings Him glory when we do so and we will be blessed by it.

- Dana Pong

One Blood family and experience happened after the tragic murder of George Floyd with a band of East Bay pastors getting together for

biblical justice and reconciliation. I was deeply blessed to journey along with these men and pastors to learn, to lament, and to listen to one another's stories of injustice and redemption. I was struck by their love for Christ and their desire to make an impact in the East Bay. I myself was convicted and transformed to face some things with racism that I had not in a long time, and I began to see how my gospel story

could encourage others who faced similar struggles. Little did I know that not only my story, our church's story of the internment camp, and the recent rise of violence to Asian Americans would be significant and powerful testimony to the One Blood community and

believers across the East Bay. These testimonies help us, SanLo church, to understand our place in the larger universal church for the Asian American church has a powerful voice and testimony to bring about biblical reconciliation and cultural awareness, so that Christ might be glorified and others be healed from their pain to racism. If you haven't, I'd encourage you to listen to the One Blood podcast, read the One Blood book by Dr. Perkins, or pray about joining us for our next One Blood session. May we strive to build bridges of compassion and understanding in order that Christ might be felt, seen, and heard.

- Pastor Eric Yata



Pastors who participated in One Blood (minus Pastor Eric who's not pictured)

Grow SanLo and Reopening Updates



WOW! WOW!! The Elders and staff are amazed by your giving and generosity especially during these challenging days. We have reached a significant point in our Grow SanLo campaign at 90% of our goal, and we have received the pre-approval for a building loan. On top of that, we far exceeded our 2020-2021 fiscal goal! Praises to our Lord and King!!!

What's next? Please be in prayer as the Elders discern the next major steps forward and the timing of those steps.

Thank you again for your faithful giving as we seek to be a *gospel community of growth for every generation!*

COVID-19 Update: Expanded Reopening

We have loved seeing many of you as we are continuing our phased reopening. Thank you for registering on time and following the safety protocols as we are committed to protecting our community.

Beginning on July 4th/11th, we will be continuing our online services in order to ensure that everyone can worship the Lord and hear the Word of God preached, and we will be expanding our reopening to **80 person limited capacity**. **Please continue to register for our worship service** through our website or the planning center registration system.

We will no longer require temperature checks or health screening, but we still require everyone to **wear a mask** in order that we can safeguard those who are not vaccinated especially those under 12 per the CDC requirements for indoor activities. Also, if you travel out of state and are not vaccinated, please wait 10 days before coming to service or receive a negative COVID test.

We will reserve the back portion of the sanctuary for young families and unvaccinated people. We will also no longer have assigned seating, so you may freely choose your seat at a safe distance.

Please look for the worship registration in your e-mail on Monday mornings and remember to sign up by Friday in order to sign up and to worship for the following Sunday.

We look forward to seeing you soon!



Summer Sermon Series



Join us for our summer sermon series “What is a Healthy Church?” based on Scripture but also loosely based on the book *Nine Marks of a Healthy Church* by Mark Dever.

6/27/2021 (Elder Chris Wu)

Essential Mark #1: Biblical Theology - Titus 2:1-5

07/04/21 (Pastor Eric)

Essential Mark #2: Expository Preaching - 2 Timothy 3:16-17

07/11/21 (Pastor Brian) Essential Mark #3: A Biblical Understanding of the Good News - 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

07/18/21 (Pastor Eric)

Important Mark #1: A Biblical Understanding of Conversion - Ephesians 2:1-10

07/25/21 (Pastor Josh)

Important Mark #2: A Biblical Understanding of Evangelism - Acts 18:1-17