



Cultural Identity and the Purposes of God

A discussion with Steve Bryan
Eden Chapel, 6pm—7.15pm

Humanity's diverse nationalities, ethnicities, and races were intended to be a blessing from God. However, due to sin and rebellion, these differences often result in alienation, hatred, and even violence, becoming one of the most urgent problems facing the world. Cultural divisions are unfortunately common in the church, too. How can Christians embrace God's purposes for diversity and experience renewal and unity as his people?

In the evening service on Sunday a panel will be discussing with Steve Bryan a biblical framework for thinking about cultural identity and experiencing cultural diversity as a positive good that God intended. Steve has more than 20 years of experience in cross-cultural work in Ethiopia, and has recently written a book examining historical and political aspects of nationality, ethnicity, and race. His practical examination of cultural ideologies helps readers move from asking, *Who am I?* to *Who are we?* as God's people.



Steve Bryan (PhD, Cambridge University) is professor of New Testament at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. He also served as a theological educator in Ethiopia for more than twenty years and as director of SIM Ethiopia for six years. He and his wife, Dawn, have three sons and a daughter-in-law.