# MANY CULTURES, ONE MISSION

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**Main idea:** Is unity at a local congregation possible if we don’t all speak the same language, come from the same culture, or share a similar background? At Palabra de Vida, Ryan and Sarah don’t just work across cultures, but across languages, socio-economic status, educational and religious backgrounds. Because we come from many cultures, the Lord keeps us focused on

our *only* true source of unity as a church: Christ! Nothing unites us but Christ’s love for us, and our love for bringing Christ to others. Through stories and lessons learned, Ryan and Sarah will attempt to bring out the joys and challenges of this amazing work!

##### Many cultures

* 1. “What are *they* doing here?”
  2. The Tower of Babel and *desconfianza* effects
  3. Diversity goes deeper
  4. Mission Impossible
  5. Breakout question: Think of your congregation’s setting. What “cultures” are around you? What might be some unique challenges of reaching into each culture?

##### One mission

* 1. What we all share
  2. The Unique Unifier
  3. The Uniquely Unified
  4. More heartache and deeper joy
  5. Breakout question: Think of your congregation’s setting. Think of ways to go from “the other” to “together.”