

## Go Forth in Unity Unified- May We Be One

Sunday, October 24, 2021

### John 17: 13-23 NIV

<sup>13</sup>“I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. <sup>15</sup>My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified. <sup>20</sup>“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, <sup>21</sup>that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

### 1. Be Sanctified in Truth

John 17: 17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

Galatians 2:20 I live by faith in the Son of God who gave himself for me.

2 Corinthians 3:18 We are being transformed with ever-increasing glory.

John 16:13 The Spirit of Truth will guide you into all truth.

### 2. Elevate Jesus

Matthew 18:20 Where 2 or 3 gather in My name, there I am with them.

John 10:10 The thief comes to destroy, I came so they would have life.

John 15:12 My command is this: love each other as I have loved you.

### 3. Yield to Spirit Over Flesh

Romans 8: 5-6 The mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.

Ephesians 4: 12-13 MSG He handed out gifts working in the Church until we're all moving rhythmically and easily with one another, fully alive like Christ.

**Conclusion:** May we remember the power of unity is found at the foot of the cross where the ground is level. May our vision be fueled by surrender and our boldness driven by love. May we be One. May we be unified, **so that the world will believe in Jesus Christ**, our Savior.

## LIFE GROUP LESSON Unified- May We Be One

Week of October 24th – October 30, 2021

**Ice Breaker:** What are some of the biggest complaints of the Church for non-believers and those who opt out, that you have heard?

### Read John 17: 13-23.

1. Why is Jesus praying to the Father?
2. What is Jesus' desire for believers to have? (v. 13)
3. How does the world respond to the Word of God? (v.14)
4. What is revealed to us about our place in the world? (v.14)
5. What is Jesus' prayer for His followers? (v.15)
6. Why wouldn't Jesus want to remove us from this world?
7. What does Jesus ask God to do? (v.17) What is truth?
8. Read John 16:13. Who is the Spirit and what is His purpose?
9. What is the purpose and mission given to us as believers? (v.18)
10. How do we know this prayer applies to us? (v.20)
11. What does this tell you about the power of our sharing the Gospel with others today? Should we be doing this?
12. What is the prayer and hope of Jesus for all who believe? (v.21) Why?
13. What does Jesus give His followers? (v.22) Why?
14. Jesus desires to be in us just as the Father is in Him. What is the ultimate purpose for this? (v. 23)
15. Read Galatians 2:20. How are we to live our lives as a believer?
16. What will the world know when we reach complete unity in the Body? (v. 23)
17. Read Romans 8: 5-6. How do we bring about unity in the Body?
18. Read John 10:10. How do we model Jesus, especially with those we disagree with?
19. How does this prayer affect you?
20. Read Ephesians 4: 12-13 MSG. Above all else, what is Jesus' greatest desire for all believers? What responsibility and opportunity do we have to bring this about?

**Point to ponder:** Jesus' prayer right before His crucifixion was for all who would believe in Him to be one with Him as He is with the Father; that the Body of Christ would come to complete unity through the Holy Spirit that binds us together, so the world will know God sent Him and

that God loves them. Let us do our part to honor this divine purpose and beautiful gift of grace.