

January 3, 2021

Sermon Listening Guide



"United Together"

John 17:20 – 23

New International Version

Jesus Prays for All Believers

²⁰ "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ 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. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— ²³ 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.



"Jesus
Washing
Peter's
Feet"
by Ford
Maddox
Brown

What Jesus says Unity is...

1. Unity _____ a reflection of the Trinity.
 Unity is _____ uniformity.
2. Unity _____ purpose-driven.
 Unity is _____ persons-driven.
3. Unity _____ work.
 Unity is _____ effortless.
4. Unity _____ the grace of Jesus.
 Division _____ the work of Satan.
5. We _____ for this, because
 being united, we can do infinitely more
 together.

Notes on John 17

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Jesus' prayer is the cry-of-the-heart of perfect love, and it is the prayer of perfect faith. Jesus knows these disciples' weaknesses, but He also knows that God will take care of them.

- Richard Niell Donovan

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John 13

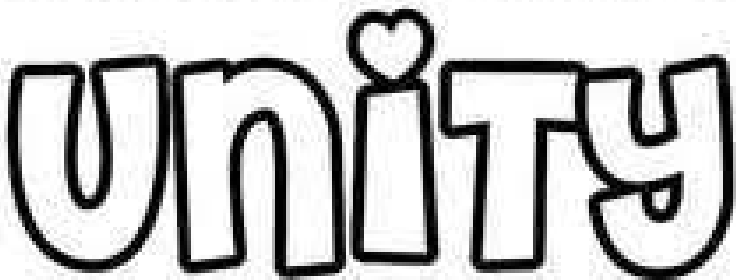
34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. **35** By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Acts 4

32 All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.

33 ...And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all

34 that there were no needy persons among them.



unity

What if every believer between us here in Manchester and those all the way in Papua New Guinea stood together and said, "All that we have exists for the glory of God - what do you think we could do together?"

Are you ready?

By **Monday**, starvation could be eliminated around the world.

By **Tuesday**, every person who doesn't yet, could have clean drinking water.

By **Wednesday**, poverty is eradicated.

By **Thursday**, everyone with a medical need - their need would be met.

By **Friday**, all of the orphans of the world would be in caring and loving families.

By **Saturday**, every person alive would have heard about the love of Jesus.

And

On **Sunday** we would take a break. We would gather to worship our Savior, because we are one body, under one Name, serving one God, with one purpose - to bring His love and His grace into the world.

And I believe this is possible because I believe it is God's will. And it will start when the church prays and when the church stands together and when we don't take shots at each other, but we believe God has called us to be part of His family - a higher calling with a higher purpose, to serve our higher God.

- Pastor Craig Groeschel, Life Church

- **APPLICATION QUESTIONS:**

1. Why do you think unity was so important to Jesus?

2. What stands out from His prayer to you?

3. Share an example of a time another one of Jesus' followers significantly blessed you.

4. How have you recently received support from your spiritual family?

5. In what ways do you serve in your church?

6. What are the ways you serve in your community with other believers?

7. What can you do to promote unity in the body of Christ?

Today the Church global is celebrating **Epiphany** – when the Magi traveled to meet the Baby Jesus – found in Matthew 2:1 – 12. We've intentionally left the star up in our sanctuary as we celebrate and remember this incredible occasion together.

