



COVENANT CHURCH

All In: Learning to Live in Unity - Part 1
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Below is a devotional study guide for you to refer to and reflect during the week. You can watch the service online again, anytime, at www.covenantchurch.org/media or on the CovLive app.

If you do not have a physical Bible, we encourage you to download one to your device. YouVersion is available in the Apple Store or on Google Play for free. It contains hundreds of versions, is translated into several languages, and includes thousands of devotional studies available right at your fingertips.

If you are a part of a Small Group, be creative in ways to meet-up. This guide can be a useful tool to lead discussions, whether it be through email, a Facebook group, a Zoom call, etc. If you have not yet joined a Small Group, there's no better time! Go to www.covenantchurch.org/groups or Small Groups on the CovLive app to search for a group that interests you!

Main Idea

While the concept of unity is natural and familiar to our human construct, as a believer, a member of the Body of Christ, we must choose to walk in unity in our own selves and with others - to be ALL IN.

Introduction

This new series is about learning to live in unity.

- The concept of unity is familiar - a part of our social structures for ages.
- Formations of tribes in biblical times - drawn together by a mutual interest.
- Born into a family = unity
- We are educated in the structure of unity by grade or field of study.
- We experience unity in sports, clubs, interest groups. It's an organic formation of unity.
- What happens when we have to extend ourselves outside the organic relationships, for a greater cause, a larger family or an expanded common interest?
- Quote by Henry Ford: "Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."
- How do we extend our circle of unity to work together to find success?
- Read Galatians 3:28 NIV: We are all one in Christ
- Us as the Body of Christ, the Church, we must be ALL IN.
- Key verse for this series: Colossians 3:3-14 NIV
 - o Set the intention of your heart and mind on Christ.
 - o Be clothed with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience & Forgive as the Lord forgave you.
 - o Paul understood the value of Unity.
 - o God sees unity as a conduit - a channel (electrical wiring)
 - o The value of a conduit is in protecting what is being transmitted from its point of origin to the desired location.
 - o Unity is the conduit God will use to deliver what He wants to do in you and through you.

Discussion One

Unity Begins With “U”

- We must concern ourselves with our own condition. Don't worry about everyone else's weaknesses. Clothe yourself with humility.
- We cannot be at war with ourselves and expect to be in unity with others.
- We have to release our past and move forward.
- Read Matthew 12:22-25 - Jesus and Beelzebul
 - Jesus healed the man who was blind and mute.
 - God's desire is for you to see and speak about His goodness.
 - When the Pharisees began to question Jesus' actions His response was "Every kingdom divided against itself will not stand"
 - There are not exceptions to this rule - you are a household.
 - We can't live our lives double-minded - unstable.
- Are there things in your life that need to be left behind?
- Quote by Attitcus: We are all born free and become slaves to our own false truths"
- God desires to bring unity in you.

Discussion Two

Unity is a Conduit for God's Commanded Blessing

- Unity is a conduit that God uses to get his blessing to your life. His commanded (not suggested) blessing.
- At the beginning of time, God said "let there be light". It wasn't optional.
- When Jesus healed the sick, he spoke the word and healing came.
- Read Psalm 133 NIV
 - Unity is like dew of Hermon - its thick, its rich, invigorating.
 - When you make the decision to be united with brothers and sisters God commands a blessing that is rich, refreshing, makes you whole.
- We have to make the decision to walk in unity to see God's commanded blessing in our lives.
- Someone is watching each one of us to observe how we live for the sake of unity.
- How can you be a conduit for unity at home, at work, in your family?
- We can't be neglectful in relationship and intentionality and then wonder why we are missing God's commanded blessing, wonder why there is chaos in our lives.
- We have to ask the Lord what we can do, and then do it.

Discussion Three

Unity is a Conduit for Heavenly Cooperation

- Life doesn't work on our own...it isn't going anywhere...we need heavenly cooperation.
- Read Matthew 18:19-20 NIV - Where 2 or 3 are gathered together in agreement, God is there.
- Agree: symphony, harmonize. Each one unique with their own role/part but working together like a symphony.
- We don't have to look alike, think the same or speak the same language to walk in unity.
- We can be different, and when we come together, our unity is a harmony that brings heavenly cooperation.
- Get in a small group! Have a community of people where you can find a place of agreement.
- God values agreement above our gifts that we bring to Him.
 - o Read Matthew 5:20-24 NIV
 - o A wedge of division is a disruption of service. It collapses the conduit of heavenly cooperation.
 - o God is interested in the will of heaven being done on earth and that requires unity.
- What offense has a wedge of separation that has caused you to not have the unity that God desires for you? What needs to be laid down? What needs to be forgiven today?
- God desires to heal you, restore you and the way He often does this in the relationship and unity with other people.

Reflective Questions

For All In: Learning to Live in Unity

1. In your life, when/how have you seen unity produce God's favor in your life, family, or job?
2. Do you have any relationships that need to be restored by choosing agreement and unity?
3. What are the things you know you must lay down in order to move forward in unity? And what do you desire to see happen in your life as result?
4. Do you currently have a community of believers who can stand with you and pray with you - walk out this Christian life? We encourage you to find that in a small group if you haven't already.