

INTO THE BIBLE

"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."

Ephesians 4:3-6 NIV

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

John 17:20-23 NIV

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."

Ephesians 6:12 NIV

"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."

Acts 4:32 NIV

"Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill brought low; the crooked places shall be made straight and the rough places smooth; the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Isaiah 40:4-5 NKJV



SERMON TAKEAWAYS

Unity - Becoming One

One Enemy (John 10:10)
One Heart (Acts 4:32)
One Purpose (Ephesians 2:10)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When you think about people who have different world views than you, do you think in terms of "us vs. them"?

2. How does acknowledging that you have "one enemy" change your perspective on how to interact with people who are different from you?

3. In what ways have you felt God molding you in this season?

4. To have one heart, we must make every effort to learn and feel what others are experiencing. What's one practical way that you can do that this week?

5. How would you describe your family's unity?



PRAYER FOCUS

This week, pray John 17:20-23 over you, your family and your friends. Pray for unity among the brethren, not to show weakness, but to show God's glory and love to the world!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RISE UP STUDENT MINISTRY - Camp Deadline Is Today (July 19th)!!

We are going back to Crowders Ridge! It's not too late to get your 6th - 12th grader signed up for camp! For questions, contact Pastor Caleb at <u>Caleb.Burchett@RescueHouseChurch.org</u>

WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR - New Series Begins July 26th

It was great seeing everyone today in person and online! Next week we kick off a new series called, "Won't You Be My Neighbor." We will examine Scripture to see how Jesus interacted with His neighbors and how He instructed us to do the same. We hope you will come back and bring your friends and neighbors with you!

