

Connect Group Guide: “Unity Comes From Him | John 17”



Passage: John 17:20-26

Sermon Link: [Unity Comes From Him | John 17](#)

Welcome:

(Choose a question for your group to discuss)

- In what social environment do you feel closest to other people?
- Have you ever had to endure a conflict or disagreement with a friend which brought you closer after the conflict?

Worship:

(You may choose to use YouTube or other mediums to facilitate your time of worship)

- [SEU Worship, Abbie Gamboa, Chelsea Plank - What A God \(Live at JOGS\)](#)

Word:

(Discuss these questions in your group, encourage everyone to take part)

Before reading the scripture:

- What do you think is absolutely necessary for unity to occur?
- Why do you think we see so much polarisation and division in our world today?
- What makes Christian unity different from the way the world sees unity?

Read: John 17:20-26

- “In our own strength it is impossible to be truly united to others without Christ.” Discuss...
- How does the Holy Spirit help us be united with people who are not the same as us, and who may not always agree with us?
- “Christian unity is supernatural because it comes from God’s nature and is only experienced as we grow closer to God.”
 - What does it mean to partake in God’s nature when it comes to unity?
- Unity is not a uniformity but a sharing in the divine nature and character of God. What do you think about this definition of unity?

Works:

(Take some time for personal reflecting on the following questions and then share back with the group)

- We are never closer to each other than when we are closest to God. Who & how is God calling you to prioritise unity with other believers in this season of your life?

Closing:

(Remember to ask for prayer requests.)

Take some time to pray that believers would focus on their relationship with God, and therefore grow closer to each other.

