

# JOHN 17:20-26

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### THE FOUNDATION OF UNITY.

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- Read John 17:20. According to this verse, what two things are the foundation for unity among believers?
- Why is there no true unity without Christ at the center?
- Why must the Word of God be what guides individual Christians and the Church as a whole?
- What things cause division among God's people and how can the Church fight for unity?

### THE FOCUS OF UNITY.

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- Read John 17:21-23. Jesus' most lengthy prayer focuses on unity. Why was this so important to Jesus? (e.g. John 13:34-35)
- It is clear that Jesus has the Church's witness to a lost world in mind as He prays for unity. How does a Church's unity and witness go hand in hand?
- Read Acts 2:42-47. What stands out about the early church and what was the result of the church's unity?
- The Church today seems distracted and divided. Why is that? Why is a unified church a powerful church (e.g. 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10)?

### THE FUTURE OF UNITY.

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- Read John 17:24-26. What does Jesus mean when He says, "Father, I desire that they...may be with Me where I am, to see My glory...?"
- What does each Christian and the Church have most to look forward to?
- When believers think about the glory they are to experience in eternity, how should that impact the way they live now?
- Jesus final prayer is that God's love would be in them and remain with them until the end. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-8a and do a love test. How well are you doing when it comes to loving other brothers and sisters in Christ? Is there any relationship you need to work on, as you seek to bring biblical restoration and unity?

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