



## Connect Discussion Guide

01.02.22 Message | Tyler Myers | John 17

### Key Scriptures:

*“And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.”*

- John 17:11

*“...that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.”*

- John 17:21-23

### Message Highlights:

- Jesus came in the flesh on a redemptive mission to restore oneness and has invited humanity to reclaim our fullness by becoming one with God, each other and all of creation.
- Now is not the time to solve all of the world's problems, but rather an opportunity to return to the one who already has, is and always will.
- As we explore oneness this year, please don't think of uniformity; God created diversity on purpose and for a purpose.
- Jesus does not pray defensively, but offensively.
- Jesus chose to be set apart so that all believers can be set apart.

### Conversation Starter:

Do you tend to make New Year's resolutions or set goals for the year ahead? If so, consider sharing your resolution(s) with your group. What are some of the things you are hoping for or looking forward to in the New Year?

**Discuss the Message:**

1. Read John 17. Based on Jesus's prayer, what happens when we experience *oneness* with God and one another?
2. What are the differences between *unity* and *uniformity*?
3. Tyler noted that Jesus did not pray defensively, but offensively. What do you think he meant by that? How might that influence the way we pray?
4. What are some of the greatest obstacles to experiencing unity in our churches and communities? What are some of the greatest opportunities for building unity?
5. How does being in a right relationship with God our Father enable us to pursue the right relationship with those around us?

**Pray:**

*Father in Heaven, we pray as your Son prayed, that you might glorify him in our lives so that our lives might glorify you. We are humbled that Jesus prayed to you on our behalf as he prepared to give his life for us that we might be one with you. We ask that you would not take us out of the world but that you would keep us from evil. We pray that you would enable us through your Holy Spirit to be one with you and one with one another, so that the world will know that you have sent your Son to be Lord and Savior of all. Amen.*