

The Heart of the Matter

14. Is it crazy for the Trinity (Father, Son, and Spirit) out of His grace to love us? Does it make sense? Then why does God still love us?

15. What is the basis of our unity as a fellowship? How can we strengthen our unity as a church?

16. What effect will our unity as a fellowship have on unbelievers around us? What will you do to help Bethel be more united?

Praises and Prayer Requests



Life Group Study Guide

Our Fellowship
is United
John 17:20-26

For the Week of February 21, 2021

Getting Started

1. What idea, thought or application stood out to you from this past Sunday's message?

2. Why is unity important for a sports team, family, church and nation? What are indications of unity?

3. If the Father, Son and Spirit are in Christians, why do we have so much disunity? Is sin stronger than God? What are causes of disunity?

4. How can we strengthen unity in our family and church family? What is the primary reason we as Christians are to be one?

Digging Deeper

5. John 17 is regarded as the “High Priestly Prayer” of Jesus. Read verses 1-19. How do you feel realizing that you are hearing God (Jesus) talk to God (Father)? Explain what is occurring.

a) What are Jesus’ concerns regarding His Father and Himself (17:1-5)?

b) What are Jesus’ concerns for those the Father has given Him out of the world (17:6-14)?

c) What is His specific request of the Father for believers (17:15-19)?

6. Read John 17:20-26. Jesus knew He would be crucified and die within hours. In what ways do we sense more urgency in His words?

7. According to verses 20-21 for whom is Jesus praying? For what is He praying?

8. How would you explain that the Father is in Jesus and that Jesus is in the Father (17:21)? How would you explain believers being in the Father and Son?

9. What is the result of the oneness between the Father, Son and believers (17:21)?

10. What would a church look like that was truly one (Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-37)? Would a unified church truly get the world’s attention (17:21-23)? How would it get the world’s attention? Why is unity evidence that the Father sent Jesus?

11. What glory did the Father give Jesus (17:22)? What glory did Jesus give us?

12. Is it wrong for Jesus to want His sheep to see His glory (17:24)? Why or why not?

13. Why does the world not “know” the Father (17:25)? How can the Father love us sinners—as He loves His own Son (17:23, 26)?