

**WEEKEND RECAP DISCUSSION GUIDE**



## SERIES &amp; TITLE

LOVE BEYOND...By Choosing Unity



## BIG IDEA

When we honor unity, we honor Jesus.



## ICE BREAKER

Share a meaningful experience you had at camp or a powerful memory from your childhood/teen years. How did camp or youth group impact your faith?



## MAIN POINTS

- Jesus prayed for unity among all believers in John 17. Unity gives credibility to his life and ministry.
- The early church faced lots of threats of division but handled them with prayer and unity.
- There are now over 47,000 Protestant denominations - all claiming to be the "true" church. This extreme division does not honor Christ.
- Unity is not uniformity. It's a choice to not be divisive and to put the good of all over the preferences of one.
- No one wants unity more than Jesus. No one wants to destroy it more than Satan.



## DISCUSS

1. What most stood out to you from the message this weekend?
2. Why do you think unity was so important to Jesus? What does unity or disunity say about the church?
3. The early church made big decisions through prayer and seeking the Holy Spirit's wisdom. How can we apply this example in handling conflicts or differences today?
4. What are some modern day examples of church division you've observed or experienced? What impact does this have on you? On others?



## CHALLENGE

Identify one way you can personally choose unity this week - in your family, friend group, small group, workplace, etc.



## SCRIPTURE

John 17:20-23 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.



Join us Wednesday November 22nd at 6pm for Thanksgiving Eve Services or Sunday November 26th as we pause and worship before the Christmas season!

## NEXT WEEK

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