



STUDY GUIDE

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[setting it up]

What issues have you personally been experiencing related to division in the church?

How have you been dealing with that?

What's been helpful?

What's been unhelpful?

[digging deeper]

Do a word search on the word "Unity" in your Bible. If you do not have a concordance to look up words, you can use one online. Here is a good resource:

<https://www.openbible.info/topics>

Spend some time with the results of your word search and find a verse that you feel drawn to that conveys God's heart on the unity of His people.

Verse address: _____

Write the Verse: _____

After sharing your verses with your group, what are some main points we see in God's Word about Christian unity?

Our prayers reveal our priorities. In other words, what we pray about reveals what's important to us. Read through John 17. This moment is known as the High Priestly Prayer, or some even call it the real "Lord's Prayer" since it's the longest recorded prayer of Jesus.

What stands out to you as the priorities of Jesus from this prayer?

What does Jesus especially pray for in verse 11 and in verses 20-23?

What letter grade would you give on how well believers are living to help make this prayer of Jesus a reality?

On a scale of 1-10 (1 low, 10 high) how often do you pray for the unity of believers?

Unity was obviously important to Jesus but why is it easy for us not to pray for this?

(over)

Why do we not pursue Christian unity more but instead find ourselves divided, especially over unbiblical or extra-biblical issues?

Jesus wants us to be one, but why? For what purpose? (See verses 11, 20-23 again.)

How can that help motivate us to pray and pursue unity?

[living it out]

What is one action step you can take in light of this study?

Remember the verse you picked earlier? Take it and turn it into a prayer and spend time in your group really praying your verses together for the unity of the church. Form smaller groups if needed in order to spend more time in prayer and have more people praying.