



UNITY NOT UNIFORMITY

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While your favorite candidate will win or lose based on how our country votes in November, the church will win or lose based on how we treat one another between now and then. Tyler began a new series where we are reminded that as followers of Jesus, we need to be an example to the world how to disagree politically, and to love unconditionally.

1. JESUS PRAYER—READ John 17:1-5

This entire chapter is Jesus' prayer. Why do you think Jesus was praying so passionately? What is He praying for? Why?

2. SO THEY MAY BE ONE—READ John 17:11

Before Jesus came to this earth, He was one with God (vs. 5). Now that His mission on earth is almost finished, what is Jesus' prayer for us?

3. UNITY—READ John 17:20-21

What kind of unity does Jesus have with The Father? What kind of unity is He praying for us?

4. ONE PURPOSE—ONE MESSAGE—ONE COMMAND—READ John 17:22-23

Unity does not mean uniformity. What kind of unity do we need to have? Why?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Why do you think Jesus is most concerned about our unity?
2. What are some tangible ways to love someone who doesn't agree with you politically?
3. Share an example of a time when prayer changed your heart.

CHALLENGE—Begin today to pray for unity and look for an opportunity to love someone unconditionally with whom you disagree politically.

COMMIT TO MEMORY—*"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."* John 13:34-35