

One: Jesus Prayed for Unity
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Passage (Read it): John 17:6-23

Principle (Know it): Jesus prayed that His followers would be ONE

What did Jesus mean by “one”?

1. We are unified by His Name (Jn. 17:6, 11-12; Acts 4:12; Phil. 2:9-10)
2. We are unified by His Word (Jn. 17:6-8, 14, 17)
3. We are unified by His Mission (Jn. 17:11, 15, 18; Matt. 28:18-21; Acts 1:8)

Why was unity so important to Jesus?

1. Reunion is God’s great mission in the world (Jn. 17:21-23; Eph. 5:31-32; Rev. 21:3)
2. The unity of God’s people reflects His character and nature to a watching world. (Jn. 17:23; Jn. 13:34-35)

How should it effect my prayers?

1. Seek reconciliation with other believers to get the most out of your prayer life (Matthew 5:23-24 & 1 Peter 3:7)
2. Praying with and for others will create a greater opportunity for unity (Matthew 5:43-48; James 5:16; 1 Peter 4:8)

Practice (Do it): Pray and act for reconciliation and unity among the body of Christ