

## “THAT THEY MAY ALL BE ONE”

### Being One As Jesus and the Father Are One:

Having \_\_\_\_\_ .

Sharing a \_\_\_\_\_ .

\_\_\_\_\_ does not mean \_\_\_\_\_ .

### Three Important Ways to Maintain Unity:

1) Focus on \_\_\_\_\_ - not what \_\_\_\_\_ .

\_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ .

2) \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ .

And do it \_\_\_\_\_ !

3) \_\_\_\_\_ - don't \_\_\_\_\_ .

## **Questions for Further Growth**

**For the week of May 16, 2010**

- 1.** What are some attitudes and actions that do not make for unity among believers in the local church? How can these be avoided? Have you ever attended a church that has faithfully modeled unity? How was this church able to model such unity?
  
- 2.** Pastor Tim said that the Trinity experiences unity (17:22-23) through intimate relationships and a shared purpose. How does this correspond to the unity that should exist in the church? Where does our congregation exhibit unity? What areas could be improved? What is our reputation in the local community? (You may have to ask friends, neighbors, or co-workers to find out!)
  
- 3.** What influence does Jesus expect unity to have on the unbelieving world? Why do you think Christianity unity is such a compelling factor in showing the world what kind of God we serve?
  
- 4.** Do you think it is possible to agree to disagree on certain nonessentials with my fellow believers? How might one demonstrate a gracious spirit in a theological or philosophical debate/discussion?

What practical steps can we take to promote unity among believers in the congregation? In our homes? In groups we are a part of?

Name someone who you think is a model of promoting unity. How is this person's personality and perspective different from yours? What can you learn from this person?

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### Being One As Jesus and the Father Are One:

Having intimate relationships.

Sharing a common purpose.

Unity does not mean uniformity.

### Three Important Ways to Maintain Unity:

1) Focus on what unites - not what divides.

Major on the majors.

2) Agree to disagree.

And do it agreeably!

3) Validate - don't vilify.