

**How To Prepare For the Miraculous
“We Must Be Unified”**

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John 17:20-23 “I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me. “I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me. (NLT)

Why We Must Be Unified

1. Unity _____ To The World

- Opinion causes people see _____. Unity causes people to see _____.

John 13:34-35 So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples. (NLT)

2. Unity Is What God _____

*Psalm 133
How wonderful and pleasant it is
when brothers live together in harmony!
For harmony is as precious as the anointing oil
that was poured over Aaron’s head,
that ran down his beard
and onto the border of his robe.
Harmony is as refreshing as the dew from Mount Hermon
that falls on the mountains of Zion.
And there the Lord has pronounced his blessing,
even life everlasting. (NLT)*

- Unity is a _____ gift.

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1 Corinthians 12:12-13 “The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit. (NLT)

3. Unity Keeps Us _____

Philippians 2:1-5 Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. (NLT)

- _____ one another
- Be one in _____ and _____
- Don't be _____
- Don't try to _____
- Think of others _____ than self

Ephesians 4:1-3 Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. (NLT)

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Discussion Questions

1. Read John 17:20-23. Jesus himself prayed that we would be unified. What does that tell you about the importance of unity?
2. How do you feel about the phrase: “Opinion causes people to see you. Unity causes people to see Jesus?”
3. God delights in blessing His children when they live in unity. Have you experienced this kind of blessing? What did it look like?
4. Read Philippians 2:3-5 and Ephesians 4:1-3. Discuss a lifestyle of unity. What does that look like? How easy/difficult it?
5. As we move forward as a church in the purchase and remodel of our current site how will unity serve to keep us on mission?
6. Pray. Commit to God to becoming bless-able, ask Him for courage, let him know that you depend upon Him, and pray for a spirit of unity to exist in our church.

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