



Truth #1: I am to _____ with _____ in the _____. (14-16)

Truth #2: I am _____ by _____. (17-19)

Truth #3: I am _____ by _____ to the _____.



DAY 1

Pray: Begin this week by praying to the Father the prayer that Jesus prayed for us found in John 17: 21. “Father, I pray that we as the church will all be one, just as you are in Christ, and Christ is in you, I pray that we also will be in you, so that the world may believe that you, Father, have sent Jesus.” Ask the Father to show you this week ways that you can live out the unity that Jesus prayed would be evident among all believers.

Memorize: This week we will be memorizing John 17:22. Write the verse on the lines below and say it out loud as you write it.

John 17:22, “The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one,…”

Study: Read our verses for the week, John 17:20-23. Then answer the questions to help you study the passage.

1. Look at verse 20. Who is Jesus praying for in this passage? _____
2. Look at verse 21. What is Jesus’ prayer for all believers? _____

3. To be “one” means that we as believers are “united in will and spirit.” Jesus said that this type of unity would prove what to the world (verses 21 and 23)? _____

4. In this passage Jesus paints a picture of what our unity as believers should look like. Fill in the blanks from verse 21 and verse 23.

Verse 21: “...just as you, _____, are _____ me, and I _____ you, that they also may be _____ us....”

Verse 23: “I _____ and you _____, that they may become _____,”

5. To be “in” means that something operates from the inside out. How is it that being “in” the Father and the Son produces unity among all believers? _____

6. Oftentimes as the church, we focus on having the same doctrine or the same opinions or even the same external religious practices as a means to achieve unity. According to this passage of Scripture, what would we truly need to focus on if we want to be united together as believers?

7. Another way that Scripture presents the concept of being in Christ is through the term abide. To abide means that we remain with Christ and live through Christ as His Spirit empowers us. How is your abiding relationship with the Lord affecting your life right now, particularly your unity with other believers? _____

8. Look at verse 22. Jesus says that He has given us the glory which the Father gave to Him as the means to attaining the unity He desires for us. “Glory” refers to the indwelling presence of the Spirit. How would this indwelling bring about unity? _____

9. In verse 23 Jesus prays for “complete unity.” The word *complete* means to reach maturity, to reach the end or aim; like a telescope unfolding until it reaches full power, full capacity, and full effectiveness. This is how we are to be united in will and spirit.
- a. What hindrances do you see to this kind of unity in your own church? _____

- b. What could you do to foster and promote this type of unity, remembering that the key to unity is being *in* the Father and the Son through the Spirit? _____

Pray: Write a prayer to the Father, thanking Him for His abiding presence that unites you with all believers. Ask the Lord to draw you to Himself more deeply, that complete unity among believers might be realized, particularly in your own church. _____



DAY 2

Pray: Today we will be learning more about biblical unity as we study other Scriptures that speak about it. As you begin to study, personalize and pray 1 Corinthians 1:10 back to the Lord. “I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.”

Memorize: Continue memorizing John 17:22 by repeating it out loud a few times. Then fill in the blanks on the lines below.

John 17: _____ The _____ that you have _____ me I have _____ to them, that they may be _____ even as we are _____,...

Study: Today we are going to look at other Scriptures that can help us learn more about biblical unity. Answer the questions and read the passages as you continue to study.

1. In the Greek, there are a number of words that can be used to express the idea of biblical unity. One of those words is the Greek *homophron*. *Homophron* means to be “like-minded in intent and purpose.” Look at 1 Peter 3:8-9, which uses this word to express the idea of unity (unity of mind, single-mindedness, or harmony is how it is usually translated). What can you learn from this passage about biblical unity? _____

2. Another word in the Greek that is used to express the idea of unity is the word *phroneo*. *Phroneo* means to have an inner perspective that shows itself in outer behavior. In terms of unity, this means that corporately what we believe should translate into our actions. Read the Scriptures that are listed, all of which use *phroneo* to express the idea of unity (often translated harmony or unity). Record what you learn about biblical unity.

a. Romans 12:16 _____

b. Romans 15:5-6 _____

3. Another word used in the Greek to express the idea of unity is *heis*. *Heis* means “one, in agreement, alike”, and is often translated “one” or “united.” Look at the following Scriptures and record what you learn about biblical unity.

a. Galatians 3:26-28 _____

b. Acts 4:32 _____

4. One other Greek word that expresses the idea of unity is *teleioo*. *Teleioo* means to be complete, to be made perfect, to reach maturity. It is often translated “perfect unity” or “perfectly one.” Read the following Scriptures and record anything else that you learn about biblical unity.

a. Colossians 3:14 _____

b. John 17:23 _____

5. Summarize what you have learned about biblical unity from the passages of Scripture that we have looked at today. _____

6. If you had to give yourself a rating in regards to how you are doing at biblical unity and its practical evidences, what would you say are your strengths? What are areas of weakness? Tell about it on the lines below. _____

7. If you had to rate your church in regards to biblical unity and its practical evidences, what would you say? What are some areas of strength? What are some areas of weakness? _____

Pray: Write a prayer to the Lord. Ask the Lord to reveal to you any areas of your heart that aren’t soft towards other believers and any areas where you are not living out biblical unity. Ask the Lord to continue to work in you to bring about the oneness that Scripture describes.



DAY 3

Pray: Begin today by reading our passage for the week, John 17:20-23. Personalize the passage by praying it back to the Lord now, specifically asking the Lord to continue to open your eyes and heart to any areas of your life where you aren't experiencing the blessing of walking in unity with other believers.

Memorize: Continue memorizing our verse by repeating it out loud a few times. Then fill in the blanks to test your memory.

John ____:____ The _____ that _____ have _____ me I _____ to them, that _____ may be _____ even _____ are _____,...

Study: Today and tomorrow we will be studying some pictures of biblical unity found in Scripture. Begin by reading Psalm 133:1-3, our first picture of biblical unity. Then answer the questions to help you study.

1. Verse one begins, "Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity." Good and pleasant can also be translated delightful and beautiful. Why is unity such a delightful and beautiful thing to the Lord? _____

2. Have you ever experienced the goodness, delight, and beauty of unity in your own life? Tell about it on the lines below. _____

3. Verse 2 gives us a picture of the beauty of unity. It says that the beauty of unity is "like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!" This is a picture of Aaron as he was anointed for the priesthood by Moses. Read Leviticus 8:1-13. This passage tells about the anointing and consecration of Aaron as high priest.

- a. Draw a picture of what the psalmist describes here as Aaron is anointed and set apart as high priest.

b. Why do you think that the anointing with oil is a picture of biblical unity? _____

- 4. In Scripture, oil often represents the Spirit of the Lord and His presence. What does this tell you about the power and beauty of unity? _____

- 5. In verse 3, the psalmist gives us another analogy for unity. He says, "It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!"

- a. Draw a picture representing what the psalmist is describing here.

b. How do you think dew relates to unity? _____

- 6. The psalmist ends with the phrase, "For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore." The picture of unity presented here is a picture of blessing and life. What blessings can you think of that would result from the biblical unity that you have studied so far this week? List some on the lines below. _____



Pray: End your time today by writing a prayer to the Lord, thanking Him for the blessing of biblical unity. Ask the Lord to give you the strength and power to walk out unity in your life and among the body of believers, that you would experience the life and delight that unity brings.

DAY 4

Pray: Pray Ephesians 4:11-13 to the Lord now. Ask the Lord to continue to grow the church into maturity, that each part of the body might be unified together and support each other.

Ephesians 4:11-13: "So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.."

Memorize: Continue memorizing our verse by repeating it out loud a few times. Then fill in the blanks to test your memory.

John ____: _____ have _____ me _____
_____ to _____, that _____ be _____ are
_____,...

Study: Begin by reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-31. Today we will be looking at another analogy that the Bible uses to depict unity. After you have read the passage, answer the questions to help you study.

1. What analogy does Paul use to describe unity among believers in this passage? _____

2. Draw a picture of the analogy that Paul uses as it relates to the body of Christ.

3. Look at verse 13. What is the unifying factor among all believers? _____

4. Look at verses 15-17. Why is it important that there are different parts of the body of Christ, just as there are different parts to our physical bodies? _ _____

5. Verse 18 says, "in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be." Where do you feel that God has gifted you and placed you in the body of Christ? _____

6. How are you serving the Lord and using the gifts that he has given you in the body? _____

7. Think about verse 21 now. Have there been times where you have thought or acted like you don't need the body of Christ? Why do you think that this attitude would be a problem?

8. Look at verses 24-25.

a. Why has God, "put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it"? _____

b. Think about Paul's analogy now. What problems would occur in a body that has divisions? _____



c. What would a body look and function like that had no divisions? _____

9. Think about verses 25-26. List some ways that we can demonstrate "equal concern for each other." _____

Pray: Think about verse 27, "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." Write a prayer to the Lord, thanking Him for allowing you to be a part of the body. Ask Him to help you to serve thankfully and diligently in whatever place he has put you, that he might be glorified as the church functions as He has designed it to.

DAY 5

Pray: Meditate on Ephesians 4:1-3 as you begin studying today. Ask the Lord to make your heart "eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

Ephesians 4:1-3, "I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

Memorize: Review all of John 17:17-22 by saying it out loud now. Then write our verse for the week on the lines below from memory.

Study: Today we will be studying a passage of Scripture that speaks to one important key to unity: humility. Begin by reading Philippians 2: 1-11. Then answer the questions to help you study.

1. Look at verse 1. What are the common experiences that Paul hopes the Philippians are sharing together? _____

2. What does Paul say would be the ultimate culmination of his joy and of the experience of the believers at Philippi (verse 2)? _____

3. Would you say that Paul's description of the unity of the body found in Philippians 2:1-2 is also your own experience? Tell about it on the lines below. _ _____

4. Look now at verses 3-5. What are the necessary characteristics needed in a believer's life in order for the church to live in unity as the body of Christ? Fill in the chart below by recording characteristics that should and should not be present in a person's life in order for her to live in unity with the body. Then on the lines below talk about where you see yourself in this chart.

To live in unity, be done with.....	To live in unity, be full of....

5. Jesus Himself was the ultimate example of unity with the Father. Look at verses 6-8. On the lines below record every expression of humility that Jesus demonstrated as he functioned as one with the Father. _____



6. Are you, like Jesus, willing to lay down yourself for the sake of unity among believers? Tell about your willingness and/or your struggles to lay down your own rights for the sake of unity.

7. So often we can focus on what we will lose when we look at what it means to truly humble ourselves for the sake of unity. Look at verses 9-11 now. On the lines below list all that Jesus gained by laying down His own rights for the sake of the Father. _____

8. What are the benefits of laying down your own rights for the sake of the body of Christ? List as many as you can think of. _____

Pray: Are you willing to lay down your own rights and put on the humility of Christ for the sake of unity in the body? Write a prayer of response to the Lord now. Tell him of any struggles that you have with living out this truth. Ask Him to develop in you a humility that is willing to lay down all your rights that the body might function in perfect unity.
