

## TEACHING AND VIDEO NOTES

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What role do you naturally play in a group (encourager, organizer, teacher, leader, listener)?

**Read:** John 17:20-23

2. Vs 21. Why do you think Jesus made unity among believers such a big priority that he prayed for it specifically?
3. Vs 23. Jesus prayed that we would not only be unified but have a “complete unity” that reflected God’s love and unity. What makes unity difficult in real life? What things most hinder us from experiencing the kind of “complete unity” Jesus envisioned for us?
4. Where have you seen division hurt relationships or churches?
5. How is it possible to have genuine unity with other people when you don’t agree about everything?
6. Vs 23. Jesus stated in verse twenty-three that when unity defines the church, “the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.” The world, those who do not know Christ, will know that Christ was sent by God and loves the church in large part by our unity.
7. What would it look like for this group to move from connection to true community? What commitments do we need to make to each other to make that happen?

## PRAYER TIME

Spend time praying together. Ask for prayer requests and pray for the group’s current needs. Also, pray for the group to grow deeper in their relationships with one another. Ask God to grow this group in their commitment to one another as we meet together. Ask God to help each group member take risks to trust one another.

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