

SERMON COMPANION

SERMON SERIES: *AND*

Week 4: *Unity and Diversity*

KEY SCRIPTURE: *John 17:20-23*

One Body. Many Parts.

God never asked His Church to become the same. He calls us to become one with different people united around one Savior and one mission.

CONNECT

When have you experienced being welcomed into a group where you felt different? What made you feel like you belonged?

READ KEY SCRIPTURE

Jesus' final recorded prayer before going to the cross wasn't for comfort or success. His desire was for his followers to be one. Why do you think unity mattered so deeply to Jesus?

REFLECT

- Uniformity says, "Become like me." Unity says, "Help me understand you." Why is that difference important?
- How can different perspectives strengthen the body of Christ instead of dividing it?
- Jimmie reminded us that comfort and growth rarely sit at the same table. Where might God be inviting you to step beyond what's comfortable so you can grow in love, understanding, or community this week?

APPLICATION

- Is there someone God may be inviting you to move toward instead of away from?
- What is one practical step your group can take to become a place where different people genuinely belong?

PRAYER

Thank God for the people He has placed in your life, and ask Him to help you build bridges, value others above preferences, and reflect the unity of His Kingdom.