

John 17:20-23—*Unity's Effect on Outreach*

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Lesson 1: _____ is a great witness (John 17:20-23, 13:35; Gal 6:10).

Lesson 2: (Part I) _____ hurts our witness, (Part II) so _____ when needed (1 Cor 6:6-7; Pro 6:16-19; Rom 16:17; Titus 3:10; Phil 4:2-3).

Lesson 3: We should pursue unity _____ (Phil 4:2; Eph 5:18-21).

Four practical suggestions to help WCC grow in outreach:

1. Pray for WCC to grow in this area.
2. Pray for wisdom for the elders to be sensitive to God's leading.
3. Pray about who God would have you invite to church.
4. Find ways for your home fellowship to focus on outreach.

Family Worship Guide

Memory Verse: Galatians 6:10

Day 1: Read John 17:20-23, 13:35, Gal 6:10 and discuss: Why is our unity so important, or in other words: what does our unity communicate to the onlooking world? Why do you think it communicates this? What can you do to help strengthen the unity at WCC? Why are seasons of intense suffering in our body such great witnessing/outreach opportunities?

Day 2: Read 1 Cor 6:6-7, Pro 6:16-19, Rom 16:17, Titus 3:10 and discuss: What are the greatest threats to our unity? To our witness? Why did Paul tell the Corinthians to "suffer loss"? What are the six things God hates? Why such strong verses reserved for divisive people, or in other words, why are divisive people such threats to the church? What exactly do they threaten? How should the church handle them?

Day 3: Read Phil 4:1-2 and Eph 5:18-21: Why is Euodia and Syntychy's conflict so sobering? What can we learn from them? Why did Paul tell these women to "agree"? How can we prevent the same conflicts in our relationships with others? Ephesians 5:21 commands us to submit to each other. What should motivate us to do so?

Suggestions for Prayer

Your pastors and elders: those who lead, feed, and care for the flock, and their families (Col 4:3; 2 Thes 3:1).

Church members in need (1 Tim 2:1; Eph 6:18; Col 1:9).

"Kings" and those in authority: President Trump, Vice President Pence, Governor Inslee (1 Tim 2:2).

The spread of the Gospel: Missionaries and unreached people groups (Matt 9:37-38).