



RED-LETTER PRAYERS, Part 4

INTRODUCTION

One of Jesus' most important prayers may have been a prayer He prayed specifically for each one of us and against one of the greatest threats facing the church in any generation: the threat of disunity.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever been part of a team or a group that just didn't gel? What happened?
2. How does disunity among Christians affect the way non-believers view the church?
3. Most of us get frustrated at one time or another when our purposes for the church don't align with God's purposes. Talk about a time when you've experienced this tension. What did you do?
4. What kind of people do you have the most difficulty interacting with? How do think Jesus might use those people as part of his church? How does that challenge you to change the way you think about and treat them?
5. What is one thing you can do this week to find "oneness" with someone you find difficult to interact with?

MOVING FORWARD

We follow a savior who placed himself on a cross so we could know our heavenly Father now and for all of eternity. As a church, we have the opportunity to be united and, in our unity, to reflect God's love to the people around us.

Oneness matters.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Luke 17:22-23