



Part 4: Unity Not Uniformity

This has been a great series to discover our individual styles for connecting with God and two staples (prayer and scripture) we can all practice to grow in our relationship with Jesus. As we wrap this series up we are reminded that while we have different styles it's vitally important that we appreciate others' style so we grow in unity and not division. Our unity gives the message of Jesus credibility to the world and shows that God loves us all and is for all of us no matter our style, no matter our story. We are better together!

Bottom Line: We are better together.

Discussion Questions

- In light of your best style for connecting with God what are 1-2 other styles that you feel are most different from yours? What are some things you think you can learn from and appreciate about those other styles?
- Read John 17:20-23. What stands out to you?
- Jesus prays for unity because unity gives credibility to His message. What are your thoughts on this and what are some ways you have seen or experienced this principle positively and/or negatively?
- During the message we were encouraged to “set aside our differences and focus on making a difference.” What could this look like for your group? What are some ways you think our group could make a difference in each others' lives and also in our community?
- When you consider people with different styles, perspectives and ideas from your own, do you have a tendency to be more of a critic or more of a student of them? What are some practical ways for all of us to be a student of others?

Moving Forward

This week and moving forward focus on being a student, not a critic especially around people that have a different style or perspective than you. Invite someone to lunch who is different from you and be intentional to ask them questions and learn from them while you are together.