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The Power of Unity - Dan Reid

1. Can you think of an example when you saw Christians do a great job showing unity in a challenging time?
2. Do you find it difficult to have uncomfortable conversations about hard topics such as race and politics in your smaller community circle of Christian brothers and sisters? Why?
3. Read John 17:20-23. Why is adherence to the truth (message) of Jesus essential to make true unity possible? How do you determine what truths to be essential and non-essential truths to protect unity?
4. How does the relationship between the Father and the Son serve as a relatable example on how to live in unity?
5. Since our unity displays the Glory of God, use these metaphors of the church as spaces for discussion on personally growing in unity?
 - Family - Our diverse and often difficult relationships in God's family
 - Fellowship – “Sharing in” what we hold as essential and “sharing” out sacrificial love toward one another
 - Body – Caring for and valuing every body part in the body
6. When you consider the ultimate kingdom purpose of unity (v. 23), How are you challenged personally because the world is watching the church?

7. If you were to write some guidelines on how smaller groups of Christians can have uncomfortable conversations about race, politics, the state of our nation, what would you include to foster both honesty and community?

8. What is your next step personally to grow and contribute to unity in your local church as well unity in the larger church? Follow Jesus' example and pray.