
Clarity to Distortion

John 17:20-23

I. Oneness brings clarity to the distortion.

- Jesus' oneness (John 17:20-21a, 22)

- Church's oneness (John 17:21b, 23)

II. Fight for oneness!

- "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." - Ephesians 4:2-3

MEDITATION / APPLICATION

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1. Describe a time when you felt you had oneness with others (a team project, a game, a friend or spouse, etc.). What was involved in creating that oneness? Describe a time when you felt no oneness. What was involved in creating that?

2. Read John 17:20-23. What is Jesus' relationship like with the Father (see also, John 5:36-40; 8:28-29; 14:10-11)? How does this inform the way we are to be "one" with other Christians?

3. What is Jesus saying is the ultimate goal for oneness with other Christians (John 17:21b, 23)? What does that tell you about the nature of your relationship with other Christians?

4. Read Ephesians 4:2-3. Being honest, how have you "strived" to deepen relationships within your circle of Christian friends? How have these relationships deepened your relationship with God? How have these relationships benefited those outside your circle who don't know God?

5. Just as Jesus prayed for all those who would one day come to experience a deeper relationship with Him, who could you be praying for in this way?

