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# SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

March 22, 2026 | ESSENTIALS – Week 8



## GROWING CLOSER TOGETHER \_\_\_\_\_

1. Share about a team, group, or even a family you've been part of where things didn't go well because people weren't on the same page.
2. Why do you think people are drawn to division or taking sides instead of pursuing unity?



## MESSAGE REFLECTION \_\_\_\_\_

1. Share something from the service or message that stood out, challenged or encouraged you.
2. Read **John 17:20–21**. What does this reveal about Jesus' desire for his church, and why does that matter for the world?
3. Where have you witnessed the reality that the world is a spiritual battleground?
4. Read **Acts 1:8**. What does this reveal about the mission all believers share?
5. If there is "one Church," why are there are so many different denominations today?
6. Read **Ephesians 4:1–6**. What stands out about the unity we are called to pursue?
7. Unity is not compromise, sentimentality, uniformity, or validation. Which of these do you see most often between churches and Christians?
8. Which aspect of true unity - commitment to Christ, humility, grace, or a focus on the mission – is the most challenging for you? Why?



## GOING DEEPER

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### READ Philippians 1:27–30

1. What is something that jumps out at you from this passage?
2. What does it mean to “stand firm in one spirit” and “strive together as one” for the faith of the gospel?
3. How does this passage connect unity with the mission of sharing the gospel?
4. Why do you think unity becomes even more important in the face of opposition in a broken world?
5. What are some ways churches unintentionally compete instead of collaborate?
6. How does a kingdom mindset change the way we view other churches in our community?
7. What does it look like to celebrate what God is doing in other churches?
8. How can we hold strong convictions and still pursue unity with other believers and churches? How does unity among churches impact those who don't yet know Jesus?



## YOUR NEXT STEP

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1. Is there a relationship where you need to pursue unity—with humility, grace, and forgiveness? What step could you take this week?
2. What is one way you can actively support or encourage the mission of another church or believer this week?



## PRAYING TOGETHER

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Take time to share burdens and pray for one another.