

# ONE

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## The Main Thing

Jesus came to start a revolution, and he prayed that his followers would be unified as we bring his message and his love to the world. Unity in the church starts with us as individuals. It starts with how we look at and deal with each other. Unity depends on putting Jesus at the center.

## Our Scripture Focus

John 17:23; Ephesians 4:1-5.

## Questions for Discussion

1. In what ways do you have an “insider-outsider” mindset towards those in different groups than yours? Think social groups, your profession, your neighborhood, sports teams, your church.
2. By what standards do you judge other churches? When you talk with people about their church or about Crossroads, are you gentle or do you get defensive?
3. Coming off of the *Pride* series, what is the relationship between pride and unity? Why is individual humility a necessary first step in church-wide unity?
4. How can you “make every effort” to achieve unity in your personal relationships? What do you need to do to keep your relationships clean?

## The Bottom Line

Unity between followers of Christ is essential. It starts with each of us. It requires focusing on Jesus and putting him at the center.

## Where We Go From Here

Next week we will continue our series, *One*.

## Talking with God This Week

God, help me to be unified with my fellow Christians. Remind me to humble myself and to keep focused on Jesus.