

# **One**

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## **The Main Thing**

Christians are not a unified group in the world, acting as one as Jesus prayed we would. If we ask ourselves what it would take to unify the church, our different answers could probably be summarized into three categories: recognizing one enemy, focusing on one heart, and acting according to one purpose.

## **Our Scripture Focus**

Ephesians 4:3-6; John 17:20-24, 10:10, 13:34-35; 1 Peter 5:8-9; Acts 2:32, 34; Matthew 28:19.

## **Questions for Discussion**

1. If you look objectively at Christians, what do you think about how divided we are as a whole? In what ways do we act divided? How do we act with unity?
2. How do you think Satan gets us to fight among ourselves? What about the idea that he starts by getting us to think we are completely right in our beliefs? Could resisting Satan actually include placing less importance on our beliefs?
3. What could it mean practically for Christ-followers to have one heart? How would we interact with, talk to, or help our fellow Christians?
4. If the whole church really had one purpose, could the results be as dramatic as ending poverty in less than a week? Why does that potential consequence of unity seem so outlandish when we hear it?

## **The Bottom Line**

To answer Jesus' prayer to become one, we as individuals need join all Christians in resisting one enemy and acting with one heart and one purpose.

## **Where We Go From Here**

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

## **Talking with God This Week**

Father in Heaven, make us one.