

# REVIVAL STEPS

## SERMON NOTES



### **SUNDAY 16TH OCTOBER**

Real Unity / John 17:20



- 1) we like unity – less conflict, get more done. Some are conflict adverse.
- 2) the world has different ways of achieving unity
- 3) In Christianity, a unity exists that is unique and that we are called to embrace.
- 4) John 17:20 Source of true Unity is Jesus.
- 5) We pray for unity – because we aren't the source of it
- 6) When we embrace Jesus' unity, we are effective at birthing God's kingdom

# SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Unity can come at a cost. Often we have to give something up for unity to exist.

The unity that Jesus brought to the world was a unity that was unlike any other unity. It is a unity that comes because of His Spirit within us. It compels and pushes us to become more like Jesus internally. The unity that this world knows usually comes at the cost of individual expression, as we conform to a set of conditions and ideals. The incredible gift of unity that Jesus brings is that we are united not by adding conditions but by experiencing freedom from the controls of sin and shame. True freedom is not a matter of doing what you want without restraint but cultivating the right wants and living in obedience to God's will. In other words, freedom results when our wants align with God's will.

What are some of the freedoms that we experience inside the unity that Jesus brings?

There is a danger that the pursuit of unity can lead to compromise. What are some ways Christians can compromise on their convictions to remain united?

How do we navigate between what convictions are important and which ones need to give way to retain unity?

What is the nature of unity? What contributes to the unity? And what perils does the pursuit of unity present to the church today?

Why is unity important?

- our witness (vs 21-23) – unified as a powerful witness to the reality of God's love
- our belonging
- Our goals – effectiveness