



**Icebreaker:** Do you enjoy family reunions?

**Main Passage:** John 17:1-26

**Big Idea:** Division is the curse of sin. Unity is the image of God.

We are living in historic times. Division assaults our nation. There has been separation, suspicion, bitterness, distrust, even rage. But we are the church of the living God with an assignment of bringing the truth of the Gospel wherever we live, work, or get our education. The goal is deliverance and restoration.

**Point 1: United around a purpose – Glory of God**

- Can you quote the *Shema Israel* or *Sh'ma Yisrael*?
- How does the Bible explain the godhead?
- What do we understand about the triune nature of God?
- In P. Mike illustration of the moon and the sun, what is the purpose of the moon? How does that purpose correlate to our position in the kingdom of God and our assignment with the King?
- What are some things that can “eclipse” the Son?
- What happens when you are divided from people in the church? How do we address this correctly?

**Point 2. United by a standard – Word of God**

- What is false unity? False peace? Is it possible to sell out?  
We do divide over things, but the question is “Over What?”

*“What is truth? Objective standard – outside of you by which reality is measured.” Tony Evans*

- How can we differentiate between personal preference and foundational truths of God’s Word that we don’t compromise? How would you describe a good conversation that addresses this?

**Point 3. United for a mission – that the world will believe**

- How does Satan fight against the church? What are some of the tactics that he uses to cause disunity?
- How can we recognize this and overcome his assaults?

**Application:** Pray John 17