

## Renewal Part 5 – Renewal of Unity

### July 4, 2021 Discussion Notes

Everyone is encouraged to bring a Bible

(Phone apps are good for reading together in the same translation. Study Bibles give help with interpretation.)



#### RENEWAL OF UNITY

- UNDERSTAND GOD'S DESIRE
- ACCEPT GOD'S DESIGN
- EXPECT SPIRITUAL BATTLE
- APPLY BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES
- WAIT FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

#### Questions:

1. Have you ever had a serious falling out with a close friend or family member? How did it affect you? Was the relationship eventually restored?
2. Review the main points of the sermon together. What stood out to you? Do you have any questions to bring up?
3. Read John 17:20-23. This is part of the prayer known as the "High Priestly Prayer" that Jesus prayed shortly before going to the cross. In the preceding verses, he prayed for his disciples.
  - a) Who does Jesus pray for in v. 20?
  - b) What does he pray for?
  - c) To what degree does he want believers to be unified?
  - d) What is the goal of this unity?
  - e) What do you think it might look like whenever his prayer is answered?
  - f) What role do we play?
4. Read Acts 2:42-47 and Acts 4:32-35 where we see descriptions of the beginnings of the Christian church.
  - a) What stands out to you in these passages?
  - b) How do you think they became so unified?
  - c) What characteristic of the early Christians do you think is most lacking in the church today?
5. Have you allowed your heart to become hardened toward a brother or sister in Christ? If so, what can/should you do about it?
6. Spend some time praying for each other. Invite the Lord to bring spiritual unity to His church. Pray that a growing unity amongst Christians in America would impact the whole nation.