



BEHIND THE SCENES
JESUS' DESIRE FOR THE CHURCH
JOHN 17:20-26

Ben Blakey - Compass Bible Church - September 12, 2021

1. Pursue _____

John 17:20–26 (ESV)

20 "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. 24 Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. 25 O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. 26 I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

- _____ (v.20)

- _____ (vv. 21-23)

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- _____ (vv. 22-23)

- _____ (v.24)

- _____ (vv. 25-26, 23)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1. Read Ephesians 4:1-3.** After three chapters full of rich theology, what does the fact that Paul begins the applicational section of this letter focused on unity tell us about the importance of unity? What are some ways we might be tempted to underemphasize something that is clearly so important to God?

- 2. In what ways do you need to guard yourself from being a source of disunity in the church?** Look specifically at the six things mentioned in the sermon. Which two would you like to focus on the most in your own life so that you can be a person who is pushing the church toward greater unity?

- 3. Read John 17:20-21.** In what ways can strong unity among believers help our witness to a lost world? In what ways can disunity among believers hurt our witness? How will these realities encourage you to pursue unity with other believers?

- 4. Read Philippians 3:20-21.** How will the reality of heaven help your perspective when it comes to pursuing unity this week?

- 5. Read John 13:34-35.** If the bar is to love others like Jesus loved us, we all have room for improvement. What are some specific ways your love could look more like Christ's this week?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Owen, John. The Glory of Christ. Banner of Truth, 1994.

Sande, Ken. The Peacemaker. Baker Books, 2004.

Prayer Requests

Pray that our congregation would display the kind of unity that Jesus prayed for here.

Pray that our church would always remain focused on its mission to make disciples.

Pray for Compass Bible Church Hill Country as they officially launch today! Pray for Family Weekend to be a time that strengthens marriages at CBCTV.

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

| Date | O.T. | Psalms | Gospels | N.T. |
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| 9/13 | Ecclesiastes 5-8 | Psalms 106:16-27 | Luke 19:1-10 | Titus 3 |
| 9/14 | Ecclesiastes 9-12 | Psalms 106:28-39 | Luke 19:11-27 | Philemon |
| 9/15 | Song of Solomon 1-4 | Psalms 106:10-48 | Luke 19:28-40 | Hebrews 1 |
| 9/16 | Song of Solomon 5-8 | Psalms 107:1-9 | Luke 19:41-48 | Hebrews 2:1-9 |
| 9/17 | Isaiah 1-4 | Psalms 107:10-22 | Luke 20:1-18 | Hebrews 2:10-18 |
| 9/18 | Isaiah 5-8 | Psalms 107:23-32 | Luke 20:19-26 | Hebrews 3:1-6 |