



How to use Talk it Over:

Talking through the message during the week helps you and your family / friends turn what God is saying to you into action steps.

Pastor Tim's Main Idea:

When the church comes together in prayer, it becomes a community of faith that reveals the love of Jesus.

Key Questions:

- What's one idea from the message that really stood out to you? Why did this idea grab your attention?
- According to John 17, how does Jesus describe the unity of the church?
- How important was prayer in the life of the early church? What does that tell us about prayer in the church today?
- If the church today was a community of faith as described in Acts 2:41-47 what impact would it have on ministry?

Next Steps

- What's one thing you will do this week as a result of something you learned from this message?
- Pray that the prayer of Jesus in John 17 will be accomplished in the church.
- Consider getting together with others in the church on a regular basis for the purpose of prayer, community, Bible study and ministry.

Daily Bible Readings

Learn more about what God's Word says about unity, prayer and community by reading and talking over the following Bible passages this week.

- Day 1: John 17:1-12
- Day 2: John 17:13-26
- Day 3: Acts 1:12-14
- Day 4: Acts 2:1-13
- Day 5: Acts 2:37-47
- Day 6: Acts 12:11-15
- Day 7: Ephesians 4:1-6

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Part 5: The United Church



Unity in the Church

"Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth. I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; that they may all be one; even 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 sent Me. The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me." John 17:17-23

Prayer in the Church

"These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers." Acts 1:14

Acts 12:11-15

Community in the Church

Acts 2

"Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all." Ephesians 4:1-6