

HEARING JESUS' HEART FOR YOU

THE HIGH PRIESTLY PRAYER

Praying for Oneness – Part 2

Discussion Questions

Date: October 25, 2020 | **Scripture:** John 17:20-26, Ephesians 4:1-6

1. Pastor Bill used the metaphor of being a sports fan to describe how just as we identify with a sports team's experiences, we also identify with Jesus: what is true of him starts to become true of us. Where are you aware of that in your experience in your walk with Christ?
2. The common unity we have with a team doesn't just connect us to the team's fortunes; we also have common unity with other fans, binding us together even if we're from radically different backgrounds. This is also true for us as we have unity in Christ. Has this been your experience with other believers? If not, what would it take to make this true? How can you contribute to it?
3. If you follow Jesus then you're part of his church universal. But we should behaviorally be part of the local church in order to serve. This has likely been a challenge to most of us in this year's circumstances. How have you addressed this challenge? Have you been tempted to church surf now that there are so many good options for online church?
4. Having differences is part of being part of the body of Christ. When we hold a strong opinion we usually think we're fighting for truth *and we might be*. But we're all subject to sin and easily deceived. How might we use the challenge of Ephesians 4:2 to walk, "with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love"? From a practical point of view, what does it look like to walk in this way?

Inward Grace in Action

Has one of the areas listed below been a challenge for you recently? How is God working in you to ensure you maintain unity in our church as you share your position?

1. "Worship wars 2020" - it used to be over the style of music. Now it's over masked worship.
2. Different political responses to justice.
3. Senior pastor search.

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

Reflect on these Scriptures:

- Ephesians 4
- John 13:35

Listen to the Hearing Jesus' Heart for You worship playlist on Spotify.

Reach out if you need assistance during this time:

- Call our church office at 703.821.0800
- Request aid from our Deacons' Fund at deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org

You can also find additional resources on our [website](#).