

# SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

PRESENCE, UNITY, FORMATION, WITNESS

## Sermon Discussion Guide

01.12.25 Message | Tyler Myers | John 17:9-24

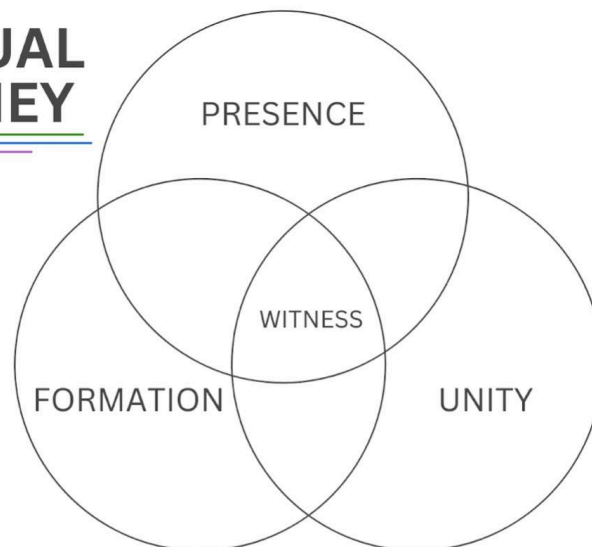
### Key Scripture (ESV):

*I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth. I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, 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. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, 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. 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.*

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## Message Highlights:

1. Unity is not uniformity; diversity strengthens the Church.
  2. Biblical unity is rooted in God's truth and presence.
  3. The Church must embody "We > Me" in its mission and community.
  4. Sanctification and unity are interconnected in the spiritual journey.
  5. True unity becomes a witness to the world of God's love.
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## Conversation Starter:

What team or group have you been part of that worked really well together? What made it so effective?

## DISCUSS THE MESSAGE

1. In what ways does unity in the Church reflect God's character?
2. In what ways can "We > Me" challenge how we live in today's culture?
3. How does practicing unity help us stand out in a self-focused world?

## THINK DEEPER (Does your group understand the passage?)

1. Why did Jesus pray specifically for unity among his followers? (John 17:11)
2. How does God "keeping us in his name" shape our experience of unity? (John 17:11)
3. What role does God's Word play in sanctifying and uniting believers? (John 17:17)
4. What does it mean to be "in the world but not of the world," and how does this impact unity? (John 17:15–16)

## THINK LIFE CHANGE (Does your group recognize the personal implications for them as individuals?)

1. How can you personally contribute to unity in your church community?
2. What steps can you take to prioritize "We > Me" in your life this week?
3. What obstacles in your life hinder unity? How can you address them?

## THINK ENGAGE (Does your group know how to apply the challenge?)

1. Identify someone in your circle of influence who needs to see unity lived out. In what ways can you invest in their life to show Christ through unity?
2. How do you see accountability as a part of unity within the body of believers? How can accountability in relationships strengthen unity? Where do you find accountability as a Christian?
3. What small steps can you take this week to be a light of unity?

## THINK KINGDOM (Does your group understand the overarching Kingdom, that the work we do is bigger than ourselves?)

1. In what ways does the Church's unity advance God's mission on earth?
2. How does unity within the Church challenge the world's perspective on faith?