

Unity

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THINGS THAT
MATTER

Daily Devotionals

The last several months have been a doozy...to say the least. From the COVID-19 crisis, to racial unrest in America reaching international attention, we've witnessed unprecedented change and tension in our country. During the chaos, we've been reminded of the importance of certain values—and while we've always known they mattered, 2020 has highlighted their significance as never before. During this four-week series we are going to dwell in four things that matter: equality, community, generosity, and unity.

That's why for this new series, we want to press pause on our regularly scheduled daily devotionals and sit with one question pertaining to the sermon topic each day.

Our hope throughout these next four weeks is that you will DWELL (**d**iscover, **w**restle, **e**xamine, **l**ook back, and **l**ive) with each of these important topics in the Scriptures. We are using DWELL as both the launching idea for what we want to do, as well as an acronym for the kinds of reflection questions you'll sit with.

Be sure to prayerfully consider each day's questions. If you're a part of a life group, let these devotionals stir your thinking and be the foundation for your group conversation.

Our prayer is that these questions will help you love God, love people, and make disciples.

Reflection Questions

Read John 17:1-26 each day.

Day One: Why do you think unity is so important to Jesus? What does Jesus base his desire for unity on?

Day Two: When was a time in your life where you chose unity with other believers rather than disunity? Where have you personally contributed to disunity in the church? What were those times like? What did God teach you through those experiences?

Day Three: How might your life be enhanced, your relationship with God enriched, and your understanding of the kingdom of God enlarged by pursuing unity with other believers?

Day Four: How have your past experiences informed how you go about living unified with others, especially in relation to the church?

Day Five: What is God inviting you into as a result of your reflections this week?