



Connection Group Questions
October 25, 2020
“One”

**“My prayer is... that all of them may be one”
~ John 17:20, 21**

Open

On a scale from 1 to 10, how interested are you in politics?

What do you look forward to most—and dread most—about presidential election years?

Outside of your workplace, think of the people you interact with most. What percentage of those people think pretty much the same way as you politically?

In all honesty, which of these describes you best? Why do you say that?

- *I evaluate my politics through the filter of my faith.*
- *I create a version of faith that supports my politics.*

Discuss

“On November 3 one candidate will win. All the others will lose. But the church only loses is we break unity.”

Read John 17:20-23

20 “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— 23 I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Jesus offers a prayer for future believers.

- *What stands out to you?*
- *In verse 23, Jesus prays for unity. How would you define “unity”?*
- *According to Jesus’s prayer, why is unity so important? What is the effect of our unity on the world?*

*Why do politicians peddle in fear and what impact does that have on people?
Why do we fear loss? What have you lost in 2020? How has loss impacted your life and has that made you more fearful?
How can we put into practice “fear not” and seek greater faith and unity?*

Apply

Jesus’ great command: Love one another as I have loved you. John 13:35-35

Jesus’ great commission: Make disciples Matthew 28:18-20

Jesus’ great concern: that his disciples would be one. John 17

How important is unity to you in light of Jesus’ prayer?

What are you doing to promote or work for unity in your life?

What can we do to be a more unified church community?

What can we do as a church to create more unity within the global church community?

Prayer:

“Father, make us one so that we can win many.”