United in Types of Unity – Message 2

Announcements

The Other Side: Getting Through Life's Storms // Small group hosts and emerging leaders, grab some friends and host a group during our 2018 Community Series starting January 13-14. *The Other Side* is designed to help others overcome the storms of adversity, fear, anxiety, insecurity and doubt.
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Warm-up

What is your favorite part of Thanksgiving? What are you particularly thankful for this year in your walk with the Lord?

We are in the second week in our series entitled *United*. Living in unity is not easy! Love, peace, and harmony are wonderful ideals we all long for, but how do we get there? Today we will discuss different types of unity.

Word and Application

Read Matthew 12:25.
Every country, every city, every home should strive to walk in unity. Unity starts in the heart.
What are some examples throughout history when a nation, organization, or group was divided in vision or ideology? What was the result? What can you do to provide more unity with those you come in contact with each day?

Types of Unity
1. Natural Unity.
Read Genesis 11:1-9.
Humanity united after the Great Flood, speaking one language, they came to the land of Modern-day Iraq. There they agreed to build a city and a tower tall enough to reach Heaven. One language, one vision, one people, one

voice, and one mindset. They were harnessing the power of *natural* unity. It was all in an effort to make a name for *themselves*. When is natural unity a good principal to apply to our life? Share with the group a time when you tried to encourage unity? What was the outcome?

2. Supernatural unity.
Read Acts 2:1-4.

A group of believers gathered to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Jesus, ten days before this, was on the Mount of Olives and had His last moment with the Disciples. Then He ascended to Heaven right in front of them. So, 120 people gathered in what is called the upper Room praying. They gathered in unity, *waiting* on God to show up, and He does, *in power*! The Holy Spirit falls upon all these Believers and God gives them a Heavenly language that people from all over the world can comprehend.

Share with the group a time when you had to wait for the Holy Spirit to restore a relationship or provide unity in a situation.

	Genesis 11	Acts 2
Starting place:	Natural Unity	Supernatural Unity
Product of:	Man	Holy Spirit
Posture:	Striving	Waiting
Motive/Goal:	Self-seeking, "make a name for ourselves…"	God-seeking, making Jesus' name great and known.
Outcome:	Confusion and division	Peace, Gospel, and supernatural unity

3. How do we walk in supernatural unity?

A. Put Christ first.
Read Matthew 6:33.
When we put Him first, we begin to hear from Him. We hear His plan and strategy for everything we are involved with. Supernatural unity starts as we honor God and as we reverence Christ.

What area of your life do you need to hear from God the most? Discuss as a group practical ways to apply the Word and how to quiet our minds to be able to hear from God.

B. Own your part.
Read Romans 12:18.
Make every effort to make peace with others. Own it. Own it when you discover you have hurt or injured another. Who is someone today you need to say, "I'm sorry" to? How long has it been since you said, "I was wrong!"

C. Sow good seeds.
Read Matthew 5:9.
Wherever you go, water the garden of the lives around you with your words and actions.. Sow your best seeds into other's lives through honor, kindness and goodness. How do these things foster supernatural unity? Name one person that you will focus on sowing good seeds of unity into this week? Who can you invite to church next weekend to hear more about being united?

Prayer

Thank the Lord for His love, mercy and grace in this season of life. Ask the Lord to show you daily how to apply these Biblical principles to your life that will further His Kingdom. Pray for specific needs of the group.