

One Church.

In Dialogue with the Bride of Christ

Week 8: *United (with Orville James)*

COMMUNITY IN UNITY – Whoever Is Not Against Us...

Matthew 12:30 / Luke 11:23 versus Mark 9:40 / Luke 9:50

UNITED – Living Up To the Name

- History...
- Theology...
- Structure...
- Style...

A DIFFERENT TAKE ON – Unity & Same-Sex Marriage

Unity within the United Church...

Unity with other Christians...

Unity with other Religions...

LOOK TO THE BOOK – 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

TAKE OUT – I'll Have One Gospel to Go Please

NEXT WEEK... Harvest Bible Chapel (with Robbie Symons)

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HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS

Warming Up...

1. After reviewing Sunday's teaching, talk about lessons the rest of the Body of Christ can learn from our UCC (United Church of Canada) friends.
2. [Which idea best reflects what you believe: a) Jesus is a way to God. b) Jesus is the supreme way to God. c) Jesus is the only way to God. (How might the UCC and the BIC differ on this?)]

Look to the Book...

3. [Some people use the four passages listed in the introduction as examples of Jesus contradicting himself, because they sound opposite. It's a cheap shot. Read the four passages listed in context, and summarize the two complimentary truths Jesus is making.]
4. Read **2 Corinthians 5:16-21**. A) What verse or idea stands out to you the most in this passage? B) See verse 16: In what ways do you tend to relate to or assess people according to human/worldly standards? Can you think of examples from this past week? How does Jesus confront this reflex? C) What is the connection between verses 16 and 17? D) According to verses 19 and 21, what did God uniquely accomplish through Christ to bring us salvation? How does this passage relate to question #2 above?

The Great Debate...

5. [How far should a denomination go to maintain unity, which we know God delights in? Should individual churches be allowed to make up their own minds about A) Sunday worship styles? B) Sunday teaching topics? C) Leadership structures? D) Theology? E) Ethics? Use examples to support your opinion.]

So What?...

6. God's plan of reconciliation must be communicated to so it is received and experienced, and we have been given this message/ministry of reconciliation to give to the world. Does this reality shape your daily life? If so, how? If not, why not?
7. **Summer Splash question** -- How do our hectic lifestyles and time commitments hinder our investments in the kingdom? Visit themeetinghouse.ca/splash to learn more.

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