



Sermon series: Jesus' Heartbeat
Text: John 17:20-26
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Jesus' Heartbeat For Unity

Big Idea: We are held together by Jesus.

The Gift: Unity is a gift to be enjoyed. (vs.21-23)

- Unity is not _____ on uniformity.
- We are united _____ to Jesus.
- We are united to _____ through Jesus.

The Goal: Unity is the scent that we should give off. (vs.21-23)

- Our unity should cut _____ normal _____.
- Our unity should bear _____ to the _____ of the gospel.

The Growth: Unity is reality we grow into. (vs. 24-26)

- We grow in unity by growing in our _____ of God's _____.
- We grow in unity by being _____ to the _____.
- We grow in unity by _____ together.

"Amidst the seething cultural turmoil, I know of only one traitor: me. And Jesus died for this guy. The least I can do is reinforce this narrative. May God give us each grace to do so."

-Stephen Roberts

- Have you had any strong disagreements with other Christians over the past year (whether face-to-face or by reaction to what you heard about them)? How have you handled those disagreements?
- The Evangelical Free Church stresses: "In essentials, unity. In non-essentials, charity. In all things, Jesus Christ." What type of beliefs would you say are essential for unity among the church? What are some non-essentials that you could disagree on and still remain in the same church together?



(Check out <http://keystonechurch.org/about/our-beliefs/> to see what beliefs our church holds as essential)

- What are some of the joys you've experienced in belonging to the church? What are some of the difficulties you've experienced in belonging to the church?
- What are some ways that you've been able to bridge the gap with other people in the church across normal boundaries (i.e. interests, age, personalities, race, etc)?
- How can you make growing unity in with the rest of the church (or unity in your small group) a priority?
- If you are a member at Keystone, why did you decide to become a member? If you aren't a member, what are some things that are keeping you from becoming a member?
- Take a moment to read the Stephen Roberts article here: <https://modernreformation.org/resource-library/web-exclusive-articles/the-death-of-christian-charity/>.
- Take a moment Joey Tamassoni article here: <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/lessons-london-unity-divided-church/>