

Use the following growth group discussion questions to deepen your relationship with God, his Word and others.

**BREAK IT OUT:**

1. What has helped you make the decision to get involved in a group at Verde?
2. What stood out to you from this Sunday's sermon?

**TALK IT OUT:**

3. How would you present the value of your group to someone who wasn't involved in a group yet?
4. Read *Proverbs 27:17*. How have you seen this proverb applied through your growth group experiences.
5. How can we practically live out unity within our group and church?
6. How can we live out the core values of Jesus' prayer in our group? Our home? Our church?
7. What is God saying to us about groups in this passage?
8. How can we have a greater testimony in our community?

**WORK IT OUT:**

9. What truth(s) has God taught you through the message and our group discussion? What do you need to do with that truth this week?
10. How can your growth group pray for you this week?

**UNITY IMPACT**

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Jesus ends his final words to his disciples with a prayer. A prayer for unity. This unity is not just an agreeable sentimentality. This unity is one that is founded in the Father for the testimony of those who have yet to believe. Any church that desires to have an impact in the community must keep focused on developing Christ-centered unity.

**Jesus' prayer for Verde Community Church**

*I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. — John 17:20 (NLT)*

1. **The Goal: Unity with One Another** - (*John 17:21*). *I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.*
2. **The Plan: Unity with God** - (*John 17:22*). *I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one.*
3. **The Result: Unity Gives Testimony to Christ** - (*John 17:23*). *I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me.*

**Take Away**

Grow in unity by engaging in Community—Join a Growth Group.

**NEXT WEEK 21/31 • THE STORY**