



# Bind Us Together

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## The World is Watching

(Acts 1:3-11, John 17:20-26)

Introduction: Why does unity matter so much to God?

⇒ Big Idea: Because how we TREAT each other will determine what the world thinks of JESUS.

Jesus's Plan to Convince the World to Trust Him:

- Sending US out as WITNESSES (Acts 1:8)

But HOW will we convince them?

- The Spirit will give us the power to speak God's message boldly. (Acts 4:29-31)
- The Spirit will give us the power to be one as God is one. (John 17:20-23)

But WHY will that work?

- Unity shows the world what God is REALLY like. (John 17:21)
- Unity awakens an insatiable thirst for the love of God. (John 17:23, 26)

Conclusion:

⇒ Maybe God's plan to reach the world isn't weird or inefficient after all.

⇒ If God can make one loving and unified Family out of flawed people like us, then certainly He can do it for anyone.

We must fight to maintain the unity that Jesus died on the cross to create so that God can unleash His power to draw lost people to Jesus through us.