



# Bind Us Together

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## Together Forever

Introduction: When you imagine eternity, what do you see?

⇒ Best picture of eternity: a GROUP HUG! (John 14:1-3)

- Mansions or dorm rooms?
- "You" – Singular or Plural?

*Snapshots of Eternity: (What will we actually do?)*

-ENJOY Jesus together forever.

- His PRESENCE. (1 Thessalonians 4:15-17)
- His GLORY. (John 17:24)

-WORSHIP Jesus together forever. (Revelation 7:9-12)

-REIGN with Jesus together forever. (Revelation 22:1-5)

Conclusion:

- ⇒ Unity is our destiny. It is the theme that ties together our past, our present, and our future.
- ⇒ Are you holding on to something that is preventing you from experiencing the unity God intends for us?
- ⇒ Are you withholding love, encouragement, or service from your fellow brothers and sisters in God's family?



**Icebreaker:**

1. What is the common "Hollywood" version of what eternity is like?
2. When YOU think of eternity (or heaven), what do you envision? Where do your pictures of eternity (or heaven) come from?

**Sermon Summary:** Our experience of eternity will not be an individual experience, but a **communal** experience. Jesus brought us together as a single family so that we could enjoy Him together forever, worship Him together forever, and reign with Him together forever. Unity is our destiny as members of God's family, both now and forever.

**Discussion Questions:**

\* ***The Best Picture of Eternity: A Group Hug*** (Read John 14:1-3.)

1. What emotional reaction do you have to the idea that eternity will be a community experience (like a college dorm)? Why?
2. Do you tend to read the books in the NT as letters from one person to another person, or from one person to a whole community? How does that affect how we understand those letters?

\* ***Snapshot #1...Enjoy Jesus Together Forever – Presence & Glory***

(Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 together.)

3. What is one thing you want to discuss w/ Jesus when you see Him?
4. Who is someone you would enjoy taking with you to have a conversation with Jesus? Why did you choose that person?
5. What story about Jesus in the Gospels most clearly shows you the glory of His grace and/or truth?

\* ***Snapshot #2...Worship Jesus Together Forever***

(Read Revelation 7:9-17 together.)

6. Can you think of a time when you got swept away while worshipping Jesus? What was it that moved you?

\* ***Snapshot #3...Reign with Jesus Together Forever***

(Read Revelation 21:22-22:5 together.)

7. Does anything in this picture of eternity surprise you? If so, what surprises you and why does it catch you off guard?