



THE COMMITMENT TO PROTECT THE UNITY & HEALTH OF EXCHANGE

1. Read John 13:35 & John 17:23. Why do you think Jesus uses unity for a sign to the world of his love and our loyalty to him?
2. What are the things you have personally seen destroy the unity in your family, neighborhood, workplace, and church?
3. Jesus tells his followers that they should have reconciliation with each other before presenting an offering. Why do you think that is?
4. We protect unity by refusing to engage in worthless controversies. What types of things do you think are "worthless"?
5. What controversies or differences do you believe are worth separating for besides the gospel and proper theology?
6. Do you think that anyone ever gets mad, stirs up strife, and admits that their controversy or difference is worthless? How can we begin to see things as God sees them?
7. We also protect unity by refusing to be a safe place for divisive conversations and divisive people. Does this mean that you aren't a good friend if you aren't willing to listen? How can you divert the conversation or help protect unity of the church when others come to you to vent about something or someone?
8. Divisive words only have power with they find a person who is willing to listen. How can we protect unity by refusing to allow people to stir strife with us?