



# SERMON GUIDES

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## Indivisible: Be One with Jesus | WEEK #2

01.

### INTRODUCTION

**Read 1 Corinthians 1:10-17. Jesus's prayer request for his disciples in John 17:21 is that his disciples would be one. Today we will focus on how we can all be one with Jesus.**

02.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. We as Christians are called to be set apart. We may disagree politically but should act as one. We should look at politics through the lens of Jesus, not look at Jesus through the lens of politics.
  - a. What does it look like to follow Jesus in the midst of political upheaval and hostility?
2. A 2015 article found that hostility due to political party was as ingrained as that of race. Another study that today parents most dislike in a child's marriage partner that they may follow another political party even more than race or religion! We should unconditionally love.
  - a. What does unconditional love look like?
3. Jesus death on the cross should be a bridge between people and not a sledge hammer to tear down walls. The Bible reflects the human temperament at all times. People are the same in Bible times as today. In the Corinthian church, the church was divided into factions that reflected their division as to who was the theological leader they followed: Paul, Apollos, Peter or Jesus. Recently we have seen how divided Americans are about race and political party. We say that we follow Jesus, but he commands no divisions. We don't have to think alike to be Christians; our primary allegiance is to Jesus.
  - a. How hard is this for you to do?
  - b. Are there specific examples in your life that these divisions have caused what seems like insurmountable rifts between those that are close to you?
  - c. What steps can you take to bring Jesus back into the conversation and not division?



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## NEXT STEPS

1. Which of these is God inviting you to focus on?
  - a. You are not paralyzed with anxiety as a result of the election.
  - b. You pray for those you disagree with. Does someone come to mind? Add them to your daily prayers.
  - c. You spend more time listening to Jesus's voice instead of the present cultural distractions. Are you more conversant about political issues than the Bible? How much time do you spend watching TV, social media, or talking on your cellphone?
2. Turn your eyes on Jesus.

Read John 3:30

The words of the hymn "Turn your Eyes Upon Jesus"

"Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Look full in His wonderful face.  
And the things of this world will grow strangely dim,  
In the light of His wonderful grace"