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FATHER, UNIFY THEM...

Opener: What do you miss most about gathering in person as a Summit family?

This week in our series UPHELD, Jesus Prays for His Followers: "Father, Unify Them"

Do Christ-followers create unity or maintain unity?

Read John 17:20-23. Christ prays for the Father for believers "to be one" as He is one with the Father, that we would be one. How is this possible amid so many Churches, denominations and differences (esp. in a culture where opinions matter over truth)?

Read Ephesians 4:1-6. This passage indicates that we have unity in Christ and faith, and we are to maintain it

Read Acts 2:42-47. The Early Church models unity in a number of ways. What practices does Summit do well? In what ways would you like to see Summit grow to display unity? How could we grow in our unity? help our Church maintain our unity?

Amy spoke of 3 ways we can learn to cultivate unity in community.

Firstly, we need to TAKE IT OFF.

Share an experience you have had being a part of a very divided team, group, workplace or Church. What was occurring there? How did it impact you?

Read Colossians 3:9-11. What do we need to "take off"? personally?

The second way to champion togetherness is to PUT ON LOVE. Read Colossians 3:12-14. What do you wear often? what do you need to add to your wardrobe?

Lastly, we STRUT; we put our love on display for the glory of God.

Read Matthew 5:14-16. In what new ways have you been demonstrating God's love through your life?