

## GCA Breakout Session Discussion Topics and New Testament Scriptures On Unity

During our triannual gathering we will convene “breakout sessions” to help all attendees and partners establish a kingdom bond through the power of the Holy Spirit. Each facilitator will lead their group through the following scriptures listed below and answer the following questions. **During this gathering, please encourage group members to engage with a new friend for future kingdom collaboration in our city.**

1. What does unity currently look like in our city today?

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2. Do you believe that there is a strong unity presence in our city among Christians across the barriers of race, denominationalism/independent churches, and politics? Yes\_\_ No\_\_

If yes, please list the areas where this type of unity is being practiced “outside” of your local church. If no, list what you believe is the fundamental reason why unity does not exist to a greater degree.

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3. Can Christians have disagreements about their political parties, denominational/non-denominational, independent churches, and race without allowing it to hinder their relationships in Christ? Yes\_\_ No\_\_

4. Do you believe that unity can be achieved among Christians in our city before Christ returns? Yes\_\_ No\_\_

5. How do we as the body of Christ work to see the reflection of New Testament principles of unity modeled in the Greater Charleston Area as in **Acts 2:37-47**? **Please read this text in your group.**

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6. Aside from the examples listed below, what would unity look like to you once we have achieved it?

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**As a GCA Partner We Are Praying That True Unity Will *Spawn REVIVAL*, and We Will Witness The Following 5 Benefits In Our Communities, Cites and Nation.**

1) True “Unity Gathering” across racial, denominational, and partisan political barriers will crop-up in cities across America. *“For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ” (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:1).*

2) Corporate Prayer for our nation, communities, churches, and families will become a top priority for pastors and local churches in their own communities. *“if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land” (2nd Chronicles 7:14).*

3) Homelessness will decrease substantially. *“...share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him...” (Isaiah 58:7).*

4) Our jails and prison populations will decrease exponentially. *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives...” (Luke 4:18).*

Racial strife among mature believers will be nonexistent because they understand that all believers are one in Christ. *“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus”* (Galatians 3:28).

### Here’s what “Unity” looks like from Heaven!

**Matthew 6:10** “Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.” Until transparency, functional, and genuine relationships are established among Christians in their own cities, there will be no unity.

### List of unity scriptures for the body of Christ-please explore them all in your survey discussions:

**Psalms 133:1** “Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell together in unity!”

**John 13:35** “By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.”

**John 17:21** “That they all may be one; as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.”

**Romans 12:4** “For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:

**Romans 12:16** “*Be* of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. “

**1 Corinthians 1:10-11** “Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you; but *that* ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.”

**1 Corinthians 12:12-13** “For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also *is* Christ.”

**Ephesians 4:3-6 & 13** “Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. *There is* one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.” Verse 13 “Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:”

**Galatians 3:28** “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.”

**Philippians 2:3** “Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind.”

**Colossians 3:9-10, 12-15** “Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: “ Verse 12-15 “Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do* ye. And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.”

**1 Peter 3:8-9** “Finally, *be ye* all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, *be* pitiful, *be* courteous: Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.”

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