THEME: RENEWED PERSPECTIVE

UNITED WE CONTINUE, DIVIDED WE ARE DETOURED (PART 2)

ACTS 2:42-47 JOHN 17:20-26

OBJECTIVE: UNDERSTAND HOW OUR UNITY DIRECTLY IMPACTS PEOPLE'S UNDERSTANDING OF GOD AND HIS PLAN OF SALVATION

WE DEVOTE OURSELVES TO BE A UNIFIED CHURCH BECAUSE...

2. OUR UNITY IS A TESTIMONY TO GOD'S LOVE FOR US V.22-23

DON'T MISS WHAT <u>SCRIPTURE</u> <u>TEACHES</u> US <u>THROUGH</u> THE <u>LIFE</u> OF <u>JESUS</u>, <u>UNITY</u> IS <u>NEVER</u> <u>DEMANDED</u>; <u>UNITY</u> IS <u>FIRST</u> AND <u>FOREMOST</u> MODELED.

OUR BECOMING <u>PERFECTLY</u> <u>ONE</u> IS <u>OUR WITNESS</u> OF <u>GOD'S LOVE</u> EXTENDED <u>TOWARD US</u> IN <u>JESUS</u>.

THE <u>LOVE</u> OF <u>GOD</u> IS <u>IMPOSSIBLE</u> TO <u>EXPERIENCE</u> APART FROM <u>YOUR DEVOTION</u> TO <u>UNITY</u>.

UNITY IN THE CHURCH IS A LIVING ILLUSTRATION OF JOHN 3:16.

3. <u>OUR UNITY</u> IS A <u>TESTIMONY</u> TO <u>JESUS' PROMISE</u> OF <u>ETERNAL LIFE</u> FOR US V.24-26

THE <u>CHRISTIANS GREATEST BLESSING</u> WILL BE <u>ETERNAL LIFE</u> WITH <u>JESUS CHRIST</u>, AS THIS IS THE <u>APEX</u> OF <u>UNITY</u>.

YOU CAN <u>NEVER UNDERSTAND</u> WHO <u>JESUS</u> IS <u>APART</u> FROM <u>LIVING</u> A <u>LIFE</u> THAT IS <u>DEVOTED</u> TO FULFILLING <u>GOD'S</u> <u>WILL</u>.

<u>UNITY</u> IN THE <u>CHURCH</u> REVEALS <u>GOD'S</u> <u>KNOWABILITY</u> IN THIS <u>WORLD</u>.

WHILE <u>JESUS</u> <u>DESIRES</u> FOR <u>US</u> TO BE IN <u>UNITY</u> WITH <u>ONE ANOTHER</u>, FOREMOST <u>JESUS</u> <u>DESIRES</u> THAT <u>YOU</u> BE IN <u>UNITY</u> WITH <u>HIM</u>.