

CONNECTED AS ONE

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Experiencing Trinity and the Oneness They Share, part 10

BIG IDEA: What if connection is actually part of how God designed you? What if you were built for connection—with both God himself, and others—and in some imperfect way, we've all been seeking it.

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The Lord is always weaving us into the lives of others so we can have HIS EFFECT on them!

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Oneness is what GOD SHARES—Father, Son and Spirit.

Jesus prays we would be enveloped in the Oneness he and his Father share. “May they be in us.”

Pathways into Oneness with God and others:

TRUST—Believe “Those who will believe”

SHARING and giving “the glory that you have given to me, I’ve given to them”

Hold NOTHING BACK “you have loved them just as you have loved me” (John 17:10)

Love-CONNECTION “you, Father, are in me and I am in you... you have loved them just as you have loved me” (Jn 10:30)

Jesus’ vision: A PEOPLE-CONNECTED, completely and perfectly one.

“...that they may be one, just as we are one— I in them, and you in me, in order that they may be completed in one.”

“All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had... God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all ³⁴ that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales ³⁵ and put it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.” **Acts 4:32-35**

Our Oneness with God and each other can powerfully REVEAL JESUS to the world around us!

“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples—if you have love for one another.” **John 13:35** LEB (Eph. 3:10-11)

QUESTIONS:

Will you slow down, open your heart and **trust** him?

Will you loose the white-knuckle grip on your stuff and start **sharing** it?

What are you **holding back** from God that he might be calling you to open up on?