



Collegiate Quarterly

Teacher's Guide

That They May All May Be One

Surveying the Source

John 3:16; 10:16; 17:17; Rom. 12:2; Gal. 2:20; 2 Cor. 5:21; Titus 3:2–7

Plotting the Course

The students will:

► Understand Jesus as the Restorer of all relationships (God with humanity, and within humanity).

► See that love is at the root of relationship and that sin only separates relationship.

► Understand their unique place in the chain that brings unity.

Preparing to Lead

Unity is often regarded in connection with love. The plan of salvation is driven by love and proven by the restoration of unity through the sacrifice of Christ. When humanity freely accepts what Christ has done to restore their relationship with God, the love and gratitude that

results will inspire others to serve a Savior who has proven to be a God who saves and unites. Unity is found in no other place than in Christ. He is the conduit through which we receive grace, love, and the power of unity.

Getting Started

A. Prisms are fascinating for their science and aesthetics. In its most simple explanation, a prism is a 3D glass object which when white light is directly shining through it, produces a brilliant rainbow projection. A prism is about taking something that's one way and producing something totally different.

Unity is like this prism phenomenon. Show the diagram of a prism from the Reproducible Activity. This teaching is the basis of Christ's last prayer in John 17. What is required of us is to accept His restorative work in us so that we may become prisms of His love, dispersing light to all.

B. A chain reaction is incredibly exciting to watch and even more so to be a part of. Unity does not just happen, it requires a series of divinely guided phases in order for us to truly love our brothers and sisters. Christ set these reactions in motion by dying on Calvary. By this the Savior of the world restores relationship between humanity and God forever. Our responsibility is to accept this sacrifice and let Christ restore, through sanctification, our relationship with each other. As the world sees this change, it too becomes inspired to serve the Christ who has made all things new (Rev. 21:5).

Materials

Bibles, Reproducible Activity

Delving Into the Word

A. Say: “That we all may be one,’ hangs wholly on the premise that we all should have something (or someone) in common. The someone is Jesus Christ. But how do we really become one? The answer is to become like Him. Christ’s death and resurrection opened up the door for our sanctification. He gives us the strength to be like Him, and thus to be drawn and draw others to Him.”

Use the Reproducible Activity to examine Scripture. Give students the texts from the “Surveying the Source.” This chain reaction outlines the factors involved in Christ’s plan for unity. Fill out the sections of the dispersed light of the prism to describe the transformed characters we are to have in order to draw others into unity with Christ and His church. Make clear to students their integral part and privilege in the process of Christ restoring unity between God and humanity.

B. Say: “Jesus knew the plan of redemption and restoration that He and His Father had set in motion long before the words, ‘that they may be one’ were uttered. Sin wreaks havoc on our relationships with one another and with God. Scripture maps out God’s plan to restore relationships.”

Use the Reproducible Activity to plot out God’s plan for unity in our lives, by placing the appropriate Bible texts into their section of the “Chain Reaction of Unity.” Give students the texts from “Surveying the Source.” Fill out the sections of the dispersed light of a prism describing the transformed character traits we are to have in order to draw others into unity with Christ and His church. Make clear to students their integral part and privilege in the process of Christ restoring unity between God and humanity.

Discussing the Ideas

1. Can I restore my relationship with God on my own? How about my relationship with others?
2. In light of unity, what was the purpose of Calvary?
3. How does being connected to God affect the way I choose to live my life?
4. How does the process of sanctifica-

tion affect unity?

5. What things can I do to ensure I remain connected to Christ?
6. How does the gospel unite me to God?
7. What is my responsibility in ensuring the unity Christ wanted for me in my relationships happens?

Closing the Activity

Say: “The Bible is a story of reckless love—a love that never goes away. The story begins with creation, demonstrates itself powerfully at the cross, and ends with complete reconciliation and rescue at the second coming. Jesus asks, ‘How much does the Father love you?’ ‘He loves you this much,’ and stretches His arms so wide that they can be nailed to

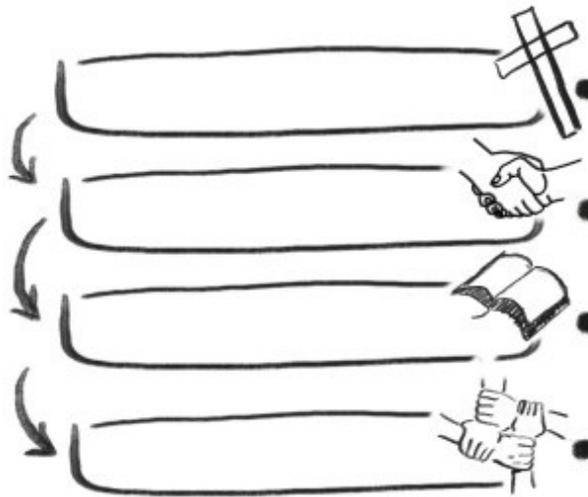
the cross. All who accept that this act was for them have eternal life.

“All who accept this, will have unity. If you want to be free, to live in communion with God, and to bring others into unity with the One who has saved them, accept Christ for yourself. Let Him do the transforming work of unity within you.”

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The Chain Reaction

Place the appropriate scripture texts into their section of the "Chain Reaction of Unity".



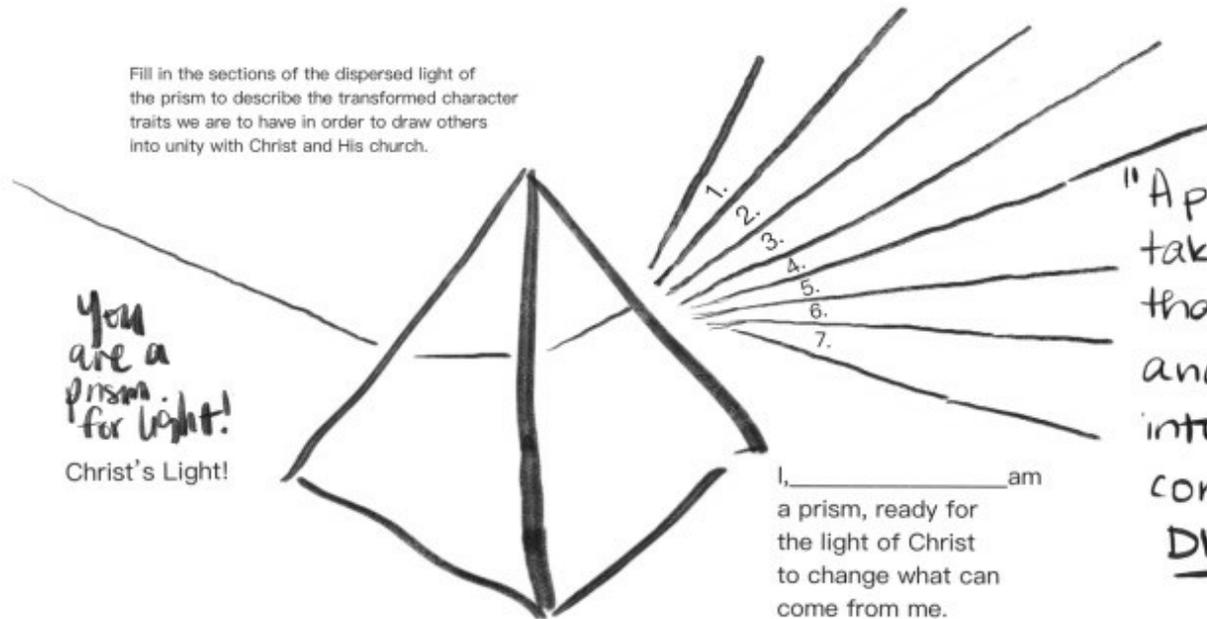
● Man is restored in relationship with God through Christ's sacrifice on the cross for us.

● We make a decision to accept Christ's sacrifice for us and thus actively invite Him into our hearts to begin his transforming work.

● We draw closer to Christ, daily taking on His character. It is His work to sanctify us, to fit us to be in closer unity with Him.

● The change Christ through His Holy Spirit begins to manifest in us, and men are inspired. Thus they are drawn into unity with us and God.

Fill in the sections of the dispersed light of the prism to describe the transformed character traits we are to have in order to draw others into unity with Christ and His church.



You are a prism for light!
Christ's Light!

"A prism is about taking something that's one way, and making it into something completely DIFFERENT"

I, _____ am a prism, ready for the light of Christ to change what can come from me.