

# -ONE LOVE – ONE PURPOSE

## EVERYTHING & EVERYONE BROUGHT TOGETHER AT THE CROSS

### #A Call to Commitment

**“Commitment is a choice that only we can make”**

In the second week of our series on UNITY – we will be looking at **commitment**. A difficult word these days when there is so much choice and ease of moving onto other things.

Commitment is the willingness to keep going, to stand firm, to be dedicated and devoted when there may no longer be a reason to or when things are no longer going our way. In John 17, Jesus is showing us what true commitment looks like. He’s not going to stop praying for His message to be heard, He wants all to know His love, and He will continue...which means that He will stop at nothing for the Gospel, for people to know His love and praying for us. Are we committed enough to say that we are willing to make the choice to do the same.

***“For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him”*** - Chronicles 16:9

## Prayers

- For church members who are unwell and/or who can no longer attend.
- For the Lunch Club and all who attend
- For Sarah, Sarah and their families
- For CGL and the continued growth & positive influence in the community
- For opportunities to share the gospel in our community and home lives
- For Amy, Ben and their families
- For open doors/opportunities to build relationships with our community and other local churches
- For the governmental challenges and Brexit negotiations at this time
- For 3 people you know or know of that need to come to know the Lord
- For the attacks in Spain
- For the floods in Bangladesh and other parts of Asia and Texas
- For Amy and Dan as Amy undergoes treatment for cancer
- For peace in our world
- For our emergency services
- For our church
- For the challenges & tragedies of increased gun/knife crime in our city

## Today's Service

- Bible Reading

### John 17:20-26

- Songs

- ❖ The Servant King
- ❖ Great is Thy faithfulness
- ❖ How Great is our God
- ❖ Restore O Lord
- ❖ O church arise (new)

## REFLECTION

1. Why do you think commitment is so important in relationships and in the church?
2. How do you think a lack of commitment affects the church?
3. Is there anything in your life that you struggle to commit to or perhaps committed to for the wrong reasons?
4. Why do you think it's harder to commit to something when it's not going your way or when things have changed, you are bored or you feel weary from doing the right thing?
5. Spend time this week considering commitment and how today's message can help you to develop in your walk with Christ and His church

## Notices

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017

- Next Lunch club will be on **11<sup>th</sup> September**
  - Please continue to support our emergency food parcel cupboard by bringing in some things off the list in the foyer when you can
  - Thursday morning prayer meeting **9.30am – 10.30am** (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month)
  - Pickleball every Monday **@7.00PM (term times) – Starting the 4<sup>th</sup> Sept**
  - Wednesday bible study every week **@7.30PM (term times) – starts again 13<sup>th</sup> Sept**
  - Church Away Day – **7 October 10.30AM – 4PM** – please let us know if you can attend and also any ideas/themes/speakers for the day
  - There is a bookshelf in Wellsprings where the community can take/borrow books. If you have any that you can contribute - then please do bring them in.
  - Messy Church – **15 September 2017 – 3.30 – 5.30pm**
  - Next Strategy Meeting – **10 October @7.30PM – Nicodemus presentation – all church members welcome**
  - Next Church Meeting – **22 October 2017 – after the service**
  - Welcoming into Membership service of – **Ena Wiggans on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 and a shared lunch after church**
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- **Flower Rota - 10 September – Kelly Wellman**
  - **Prayer - 10 September – Kelly Wellman**

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