

# -ONE LOVE – ONE PURPOSE

## EVERYTHING & EVERYONE BROUGHT TOGETHER AT THE CROSS

### #Getting the House in Order “Be the change”

As we continue to reflect on UNITY in our series, today we look at the need to get the house in order. As we know, in our own lives, if we don't stay on top of things, they can either get out of hand or become too overwhelming to deal with.

Jesus talks about being salt and light and how we can become ineffective if we lose our saltiness. Sometimes we lose our saltiness because we become discouraged about the way things have become and sometimes we can be discouraging in what we say and do.

Today we will spend some time reflecting on these points and how we can be the change.

***“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot” – Matthew 5:13***

## 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 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
- For North Korea as tensions continue to rise

## Today's Service

- Bible Reading

### John 17:20-26

- Songs

- ❖ There is a Redeemer
- ❖ Seek Ye first
- ❖ Hosanna, Hosanna
- ❖ I stand amazed
- ❖ O church arise

## REFLECTION

1. If there was something encouraging you could say about the church what would it be?
2. Can you remember the last time you said something encouraging to someone who serves in the church?
3. Is there anything that has made you discouraged (such as the loss of members over the years)
4. What do you plan to do to be more encouraged about the church and more encouraging to others?
5. Spend some time this week reflecting on how you can be the change in our church

## Notices

### Sunday 10<sup>th</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)**
- 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 - 17 September – Sarah**
  - **Prayer - 17 September – Kelly**
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